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No War Claims Compensation From Public Funds

GENEROUS GRANTS & LOANS FROM IMPERIAL GOVT.

£250,000 For The University: Airport Prospects

The general public of Hongkong is not to receive any compensation out of public funds to meet war losses and damage. The recommendation was made by the Hongkong Government and has been accepted by the Imperial Government.

However, the Imperial Government is anxious to assist the Colony in regard to its war debts and rehabilitation problems, and has decided to

US Officials Charged

FAKED PASSPORTS ALLEGATION

Philadelphia, Apr. 26.—Two former United States Commissioners and four other persons today pleaded innocent to charges that they conspired to issue fraudulent passports and citizenship certificates to alien Chinese.

The six men arraigned in the Federal District Court included ex-Commissioners Norman J. Griffin and Howard M. Long; two former Federal Court clerks, Warren J. Belcher and Robert T. Press; John Lee, Philadelphia Chinese restaurant owner, and Oscar Yew Hoh of New York.

A seventh man was indicted in the investigation, but he is at present in China.

The charges were brought after the government charged that alien Chinese paid sums upwards of \$50,000 to obtain passports or citizenship certificates which would enable them to travel at will between the United States and their homeland.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Colony's Traffic Control

THE determined efforts of the Police, backed by the Traffic Advisory Committee, to bring some sort of order and safety to drivers and pedestrians out of the post-war traffic chaos have already met with a considerable measure of success. Crossing Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road in the centre of the city is no longer a hazardous excursion for the pedestrian; it is, in fact, his own fault now if he is knocked down. Similarly drivers can now follow logical routes which, except at the height of the rush-hour, enable faster and safer movement in the city. The public would be ungracious not to acknowledge the improvement which has been brought about by this limited control scheme. It is now proposed to extend the system to eliminate "U" turns in certain key roads, to introduce further one-way streets, and to extend parking places in the city for owner drivers and all private cars. Because it suffers more than any other part of the Colony from traffic congestion, the city area is given special attention in formulating the additional regulations. Kowloon, served as it is by a splendid main highway from which branch roads of the subsidiary streets, requires less control. Kowloon pedestrians, however, will note with satisfaction the ban on "U" turns, more especially its application to Nathan and Salisbury Roads, which, by reason of their width, can become a trap for the pedestrian if suddenly confronted with a vehicle that has decided to turn in its own tracks. The real menace of Nathan Road, however, is still the excessive

- (a) seek no contribution from Hongkong towards the cost of the Military Administration.
- (b) treat as free grant advances made before and after the establishment of the Civil Government amounting to £3,250,000.
- (c) make a further free grant of £1,000,000 to assist the Colony in resolving problems arising out of expenditure connected with the war.
- (d) make interest-free loans to a maximum of £3,000,000 for the development of a modern airport in Hongkong.
- (e) make a free grant of £250,000 for the Hongkong University.

These are the features of an official press statement released today.

The text of the statement reads: In October 1942, a declaration was made on behalf of His Majesty's Government to the effect that it would be the general aim of His Majesty's Government, after the war, that with a view to the well-being of the people, and the resumption of production of the territories, properties and goods destroyed or damaged in the Colonial Empire should be replaced or repaired to such extent and over such a period of time as resources might permit.

It was added if the resources of any part of the Colonial Empire were insufficient to enable the purpose to be achieved without aid, His Majesty's Government would be ready to give all the assistance they could in conjunction with such common fund or organisation as might be established post war.

In the light of the above declaration, the Government of Hongkong appointed a Commissioner to make an expert examination into the problem of war damage compensation.

As a result of his findings the Government of Hongkong is satisfied that, even were the United Kingdom in a position to pay part of the cost, the introduction of a compensation scheme would inflict an altogether crippling weight of taxation upon the local community. In the circumstances, and in view of the fact that the Colony did not participate in a War Damage Insurance Scheme prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War, and of the fact that the rehabilitation of industry and commerce does not appear to have been hampered to any material extent by lack of financial resources, the Government of Hongkong has recommended that no compensation from public funds should be paid for war damage.

His Majesty's Government, after most careful consideration, has decided to accept this recommendation by the Government of Hongkong.

Nevertheless they are anxious to give practical assistance to the Colony as evidence of goodwill. The extent of such assistance must necessarily be determined by the ability of His Majesty's Government.

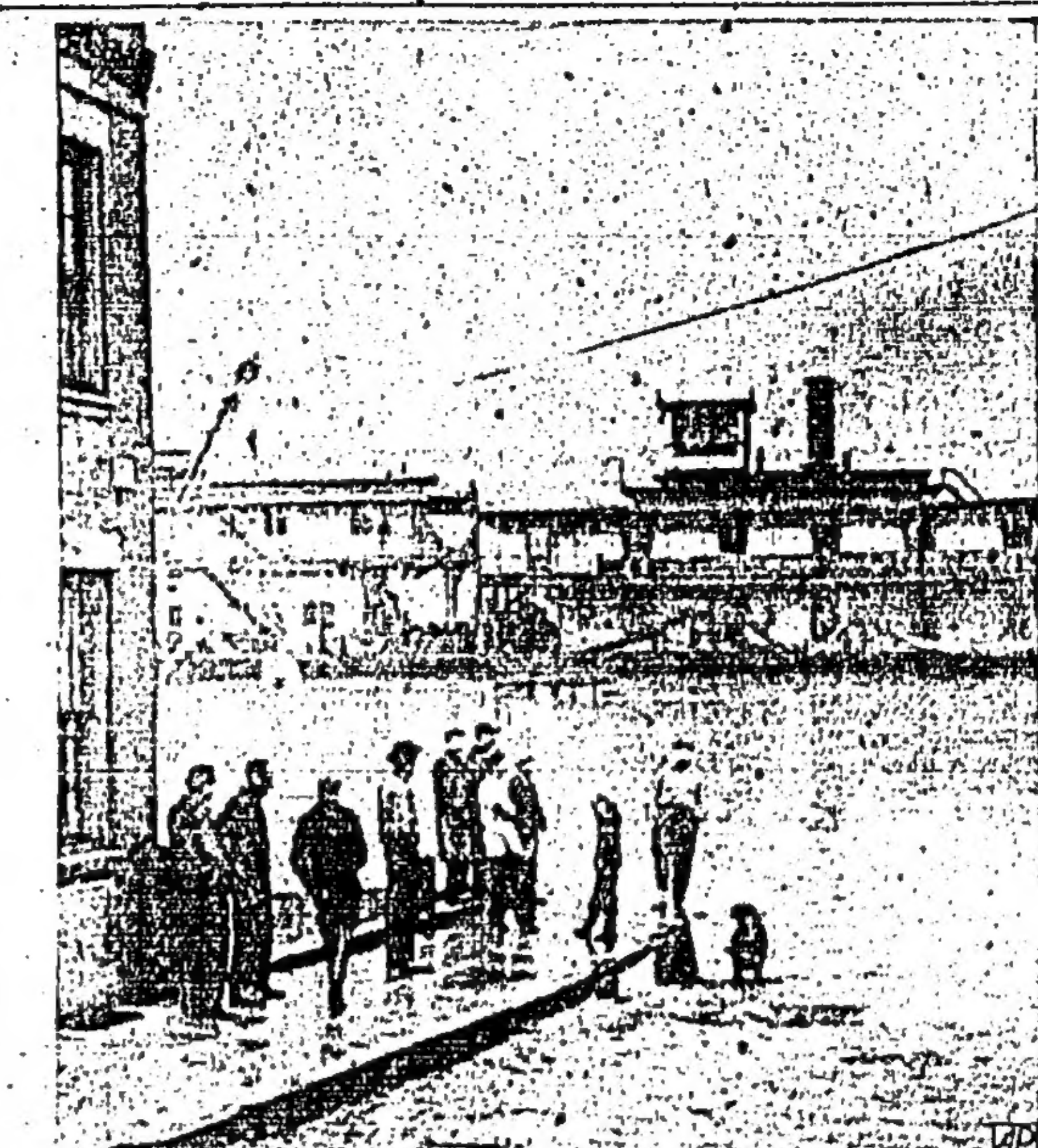
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—and more and more
EVERY DAY

to help, having regard to the conditions in the United Kingdom following the crippling losses inflicted by the war and the heavy United Kingdom tax burden. In spite of these factors they have felt able to offer substantial assistance to the Colony, and have accordingly agreed to ask Parliament for the necessary authority to implement the following decisions.

BMA BURDEN LIFTED

As regards expenditure arising out of the war, it has been agreed that (a) in the first place, His Majesty's Government will not seek any contribution from Hongkong towards the cost of the Military Administration; (b) His Majesty's Government will treat as a free grant advances made before and after the establishment of the Civil Government in Hongkong, amounting to £3,250,000, except in so far as that sum has been used for the purchase of military stores. (Continued on Page 5)



WATCHING RIVER RISE: Traffic on this street was shut off as three rivers flowing through Pittsburgh, Pa., the Ohio, Allegheny and Monongahela, rose past flood stage. Houseboats are in the background.—AP Wirephoto.

Arab Invasion Of Palestine Ready

King Abdullah Will Lead Regular Armies

Jerusalem, Apr. 26.—The regular armies of Trans-Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt will launch an invasion of Palestine by Saturday, advises reaching Jerusalem on Monday night said.

A dispatch from Amman, Capital of Trans-Jordan, said King Abdullah personally will take the field against the Jews at the head of the armies of Trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Moving with him will be Egyptian army units which will cross the Holy Land's southern frontier in a co-ordinated action. The Egyptian command will be closely allied to Abdullah, it was said.

Arab informants in Cairo said Iraq and Saudi Arabia also have decided to throw their regular military forces into the fight to prevent the Jews from establishing a state of their own in the Holy Land.

LEADERS ALARMED
Arab leaders reportedly are alarmed by the extent of recent Jewish military successes. Arab peoples in the middle east have been inflamed by the arrival of Arab refugees from Palestine.

An invasion of the Holy Land by regular army troops would defy the British mandate which is not scheduled to end until May 15 and the UN Security Council which has ordered a truce in Palestine.

The Cairo accounts said King Abdullah already dispatched reinforcements of Trans-Jordan's Arab Legion to Palestine. The 15,000 legionnaires are well disciplined troops. British trained and adequately equipped, they are regarded as superior to the Arab volunteer forces which thus far have engaged the Jews in the Holy Land. Approximately 10,000 legionnaires are already in Palestine on security duty with the British.

GAINS OBSCURE

The extent of Irgun Zvai Leumi gains in an attack on Jaffa still were not clear.

At the northern end of Palestine's coast, British anti-aircraft fire drove off Jews who had thrown heavy mortar fire into Acre. Most of about 200 prisoners in Acre prison escaped during the course of the firing.

An informed source said a Swiss Army officer, a Colonel Gonnard, was favoured by the French for police chief of Jerusalem. It was said the Swiss government had agreed to make Gonnard available to the UN.

The partition battle ground on in the 58 member Political Committee during the afternoon. The Arab police committee told the UN the Arabs would set up an independent nation covering all of Palestine on May 15 unless the UN partition scheme is scrapped.—Associated Press.

WAR DECLARED

Damascus, Apr. 26.—The Trans-Jordan Government declared war on "Zionism" tonight, according to official sources here. The Trans-Jordan Army has occupied Jericho, it was added.

The armies of Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan and Iraq have signed an agreement in Irbid, the capital of Transjordan, according to which, official sources here stated, a free front will be opened in Palestine and 40,000 soldiers will be thrown into the attack against the Jews.

The campaign will open before May 1, it was added. The Syrian Parliament met in a secret session tonight to hear a statement from the Minister of Defence about Syria's contribution.

The Lebanese Prime Minister, Riad El Solh, signed the agreement on behalf of Syria. The Iraq Regent, Emir Abdul Illah, then left for Cairo for it to be signed by King Farouk, of Egypt, and by Saudi Arabia.

Transjordan declared war at 6.15 p.m. local time (4.15 p.m. GMT). Jericho is about five miles inside Palestine.

King Abdullah, of Transjordan, said in an interview in Amman today that if the Jews in Palestine did not take his advice and live as citizens of an Arab State, he would "have the pleasure and honour of rescuing Palestine."—Reuter.

Three Die In Crash

Lisbon, Apr. 26.—Three persons were killed when a French plane, flying from Paris to Lisbon, crashed today near Bilbao, Spain, according to reports reaching the French Embassy here.—Reuter.

Armed Clash On Italian-Yugoslav Border

Venice, Apr. 26.—One Italian soldier was reported dead tonight, another dying and two others wounded as the result of an exchange of shots between Italian and Yugoslav patrols in Venecia Giulia.

The report said the shooting occurred today in the commune of Grimaldo in Udine, northwest of the free territory of Trieste, he Yugoslav killed the commander of the Italian patrol, the report said.

The shooting began, the report said, when the Italian patrol of 18 officers and men reached a point which the Italian commander considered Italian territory. The wooden marker at that point had been

King Finds Strength & Comfort In His Home

MOVING BROADCAST TO PEOPLE

London, Apr. 26.—King George, broadcasting tonight on his Silver Wedding, said that at times his task would have been almost too heavy but for the strength and comfort which he had always found in his home.

Sitting beside the Queen before a microphone in Buckingham Palace after their evening drive through London, the King said: "This has been a memorable and a very happy day for the Queen and me. Apart from its deep significance to ourselves as man and wife, it has been made the occasion of a world-wide expression of kindly goodwill towards us, which has greatly moved us. "It has been an unforgettable experience to realise how many thousands of people there are in this world who wish to join in the thankfulness we feel for the 25 years of supremely happy married life which have been granted to us.

ANXIOUS YEARS
"Looking back over these years, nobody can deny that they have been for all of us who have lived through them, full of difficulty, of anxiety, and often of sorrow.

"On me in my endeavour to fulfil my appointed task, they have laid a heavy burden. I make no secret of the fact that there have been times when it would have been almost too heavy but for the strength and comfort which I have always found in my home. "And so I can find no better way of showing my gratitude to all of you whose good wishes have gladdened us today than by wishing you in turn a full share of the happiness with which I have myself been blessed.

"If you are already happily married, may you long enjoy your life together. If marriage still lies before you, may it fulfil all your brightest hopes."

QUEEN SPEAKS

The Queen, speaking after the King, said: "I would like to add to the King's own deeply thankful for our 25 years of happiness together for the opportunities we have been given of service to our beloved country, and for the blessings of our home and children.

"The world of our day is longing to find the secret of community, and all married lives are in a sense communities in miniature.

"There must be many who feel as I do, that the sanctities of married life present in some way the highest form of human fellowship, affording a rock-like foundation on which all the best in the life of the nation is built.

"Looking back over the last 25 years and to my own happy childhood, I realise more and more the wonderful sense of security and happiness which comes from a loved home.

"Therefore, at this time, my heart goes out to all those who are living in uncongenial surroundings and longing for the time when they will have a home of their own.

"I am sure that patience, tolerance, and love will help them to keep their faith undimmed and their courage undaunted.

"This morning, we felt the moving service in St. Paul's to be one of dedication as well as thanksgiving.

"I pray that by God's guidance we may have many opportunities of service towards the lands and people we love so very much."—Reuter.



KING GEORGE

New Atom Smasher

Berkeley, California, Apr. 26.—The Atomic Energy Commission today announced that a super-cyclotron, 20 times as powerful as any other atom-smasher in existence, would be constructed at the University of California.

The new cyclotron will probe the secrets of matter by hurling atomic bullets at terrific energies, ranging to 10,000,000 electron volts, the world's present largest cyclotron, in operation here, generates 350,000,000 electron volts.

The chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. David Lillenthal, said the projected new \$500,000,000 atom-smasher would "serve notice to the world that it is the intention of the people of the United States to widen their lead in the development and application of fundamental science of all kinds."

Mr. Lillenthal and Dr. Ernest Lawrence, Nobel Prize winner and inventor of the cyclotron, announced that experimental engineering work being completed and construction would begin in the early autumn.

110-FOOT STEEL MAGNET
They said it would take three to five years before important nuclear research could get underway.

The new cyclotron will be built around a 110-foot ring-shaped steel magnet weighing 10,000 tons. The present largest cyclotron in the world has a 4,000-ton magnet, slightly more than 15 feet long.

Dr. Lawrence said the new device would accelerate protons and other atomic particles to energies of about 6,000,000,000 electron volts. Alpha particles will be boosted to 10,000,000,000 or more electron volts.

The new accelerator combines the operating principles of the cyclotron and the synchrotron. Dr. Lawrence credited Dr. E. M. McMillan with advancing many concepts making the new super-cyclotron possible. Dr. Lawrence predicted nuclear phenomena might be observed with the new machine, to pave the way for "notable advances in fundamental knowledge."

Mr. Lillenthal admitted that another similar cyclotron was being "considered" for construction at the Atomic Energy Commission's Brookhaven Laboratories on Long Island, but said there was "nothing final" about present plans.—United Press.

ON A PICNIC

Vienna, Apr. 26.—Lieutenant John Edmond Burke, a British officer reported in Belgrade earlier today to have been shot dead when he "attacked Yugoslav guard" was picked up at the time, a British official statement disclosed here tonight.

The statement said the officer and his wife and another officer went on a picnic near the Lohbi Pass, near the frontier.

They left their vehicle, and have not yet returned.

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"British Infantry and Austrian gendarmes searched the frontier area throughout last night but found no trace of them.

"Attempts to make contact with the Yugoslav guards at top of Lohbi Pass thus far unavailing as the latter refused contact."

The Belgrade report, circulated by Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, said Lieutenant Burke was arrested on Yugoslav territory near the Austrian frontier yesterday with his Polish wife and a British warrant officer because one of them jumped over a wall when called upon to halt.

Tanjug alleged that the officer attacked a Yugoslav guard and tried to seize his rifle and was shot dead by another guard who "fired a shot to attract his companion's attention."—Reuter.

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Read To The Young Child

By Garry Cleveland Myers, Ph.D.

OFTEN I have urged parents to read to the young child, beginning as soon as he will look at a picture for a few moments at a stretch. Thanks to the pictures, story reading can begin much earlier than story telling.

There is some one who can read to practically every baby and tot. The child usually hears far better language in the story read than in the story told. Reading tends to calm and quiet the child. It affords good companionship and is a boon to baby-sitters.

HELPS THE CHILD

Reading helps the child connect what he hears with the book, cultivates in him a tenderness toward books, makes him wish to learn to read, and stimulates his interest in meaning rather than in mere words. It is about the best possible means of fostering good habits of concentration in baby and young child. It gives the child a vast deal of happiness, makes the reader enjoy the child and helps improve his own case and forcefulness of speech.

Today I wish to present two types of cases in which the child should profit greatly from being read to; one case in which the child uses incorrect sounds for certain letters and letter combinations, the other in which the child speaks in single words or phrases.

1. The first case is of a boy five. "Some of his word difficulties are: 'pete' for street, 'bake' for break, 'titty' for kitty, 'pash' for push. The beginning of his words seems to be his trouble."

Reading of nursery rhymes and poems, slowly and distinctly with emphasis on the words of similar troublesome sounds should be very helpful to this child. Any mother can easily select rhymes including the strategic words or sounds for frequent repetition, without the child's knowing her purpose.

A BOY OF FOUR

2. The second case is of a boy four, who is causing his parents concern "because of his lack of ability, or desire, to carry on a conversation. He knows and uses hundreds of words, mostly nouns and verbs, separately or in short

phrases. For instance, instead of saying, 'Daddy, put on my bib,' he says, 'Daddy, bib.'

Hearing over and over with pleasure certain rhymes and folk-tales, this child may incline to repeat whole sentences in his imagination, even aloud. Certainly he will be exposed to sentence-patterns. In this case the mother was advised not to urge the child to converse nor to ask him to repeat a correction.

Both children should have their hearing tested by an expert. With both children the parents should talk (distinctly) a great deal about what the child is doing or about what is being done for him. Both children should spend considerable time at play with other children.

NEW LOOK ON THE BEACH

By... PATRICIA LENNARD



ANY one of these four outfits could be part of your summer wardrobe; all four can see you through the holidays.

The new summer classic suit by Herschelle (1)—tiny jacket and swing skirt—is in worsted wool georgette. Buttoning high to the neck with white collar and cuffs, it has three-quarter sleeves. It can be worn on the journey and worn in town with one of the new tiny flowered bonnets tied under the chin.

The "Bloomer Girl" (2) is the sea and beach translation of the New Look this summer. Jantzen make this one-piece polka-dotted swim suit in water-repellent, non-shrink rayon.

From America comes their version of another new favorite: the strapless short evening dress (3). This two-piece dress—bodice and swirling dirndl skirt—is in pink poplin, rows of jet buttons outlining the hem and neckline.

For afternoon and early evening Brenner Sports make the navy and white spotted rayon jumper suit (4) with high collar tied under the chin with white pique. Fashion-conscious details include the white petticoat frill, and peplum fluted over rows of matching white frilling. With it is worn a navy felt "baby bonnet."

Periodical Dental Check-Ups Should Never Be Postponed



Pretty teeth like Janis Carter's are an asset on the silver screen.

By HELEN FOLLETT

PENNY WISE and pound foolish is the misguided young lady who never stints on clothes, but begrudges the cash-coin-spending-change she hands to the dentist. Unless she takes good care of her teeth, unless she has professional attention twice a year for examination, necessary repairs and the removal of tartar, she is doing herself an injustice.

Healthy, good-looking teeth are necessary from every point of view; aesthetically, for what can be more attractive than the human smile revealing perfect teeth? Physically, because the health of the body depends upon mastication which is never fully performed if teeth are impaired; cosmetically, because the beauty of the face depends upon the ensemble, not the complexion or the eyes alone.

Small Brush

One rule: Keep your tooth brushes scrupulously clean. Buy small ones. No tooth brush can conform precisely to the shape of the dental arch

inside and out, but a small brush can be manipulated better than a large one. Remember, you must not only brush the outer and inner surfaces of your teeth, but the biting portions. Place the bristles close to the gums, sweep to the ends of the teeth, cleaning the sides as well as you can.

Don't have a hurried job. The teeth should be polished. They should shine.

Oral Hygiene

For thorough oral hygiene a mouth wash should be used after the brushing to flush away particles of food that the bristles have dislodged.

Tartar may form despite the utmost care. It consists mainly of phosphate of lime, deposited from the saliva. Mixed with this are particles of food and in them bacteria will flourish, causing all manner of trouble.

The dentist will remove these deposits with his instruments. That is another reason for the semi-annual visit to his office.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Punch Visited Tom Thumb

—He Found Him Living in a Nut-Shell House—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, asked their friend Mr. Punch if he knew anyone as small as Tom Thumb.

"The children were reading about him this afternoon in a book," Hanid explained. "But they didn't believe that anyone could be as small as Tom Thumb."

Mr. Punch smiled. He was reading a newspaper, but he folded it and held it on his lap. "The children, my dear, are quite wrong. Tom Thumb was quite small. That is true. But there are lots of creatures—busy, lively creatures, too—who are good deal smaller than Tom Thumb. Take the ants, for example. To an ant Tom Thumb (who was no taller than a thumb, of course) would appear like a giant. I can imagine baby ant saying to its mother: 'Mother dear, can anyone as large as Tom Thumb really live? He's so gigantic!'

Seems Small

"Just because Tom Thumb seems small to us," Mr. Punch went on, "is no reason for not thinking he doesn't live. He lives very comfortably, and in his own little house."

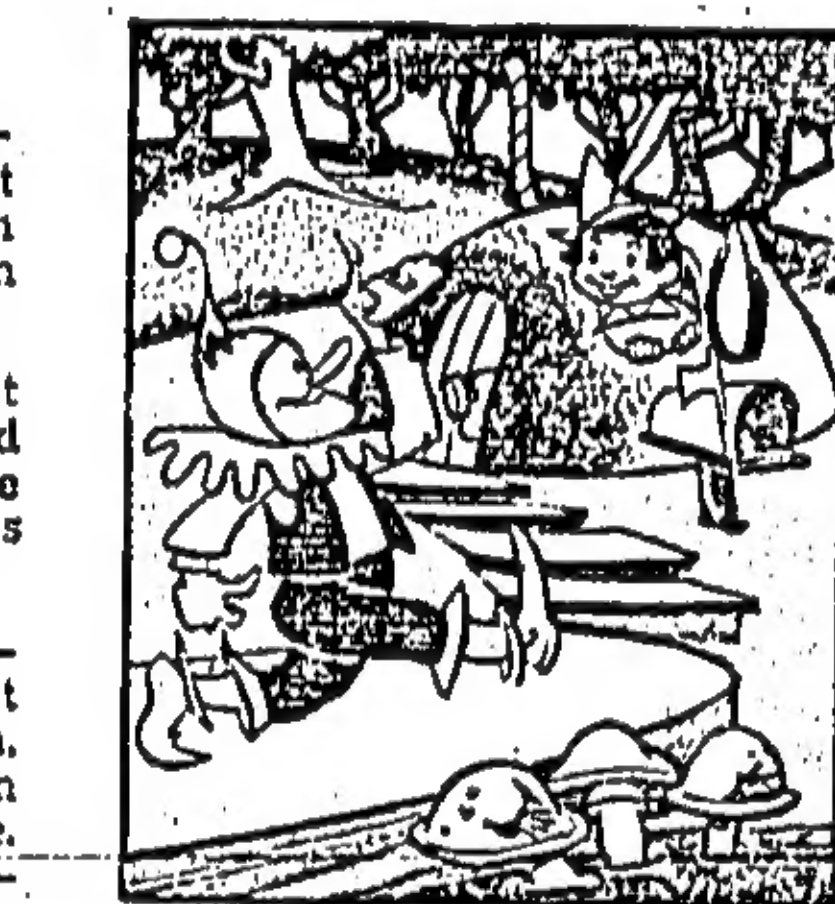
Mr. Punch added,

"In his own house?" Knarf said in surprise.

"Once," said Mr. Punch, "I paid Tom Thumb a visit."

Knarf and Hanid had never heard that Mr. Punch knew Tom Thumb and they begged him to tell them more about his visit to Tom Thumb's house.

"It was made out of an empty nutshell," said Mr. Punch. "The chimney was a hollow straw, and the windows were two pieces of glass from a pair of old spectacles. Tom Thumb's parlour was as cozy a room as I've ever seen. The walls in fact were all arched. There was a blue rug on the floor made out of a bit of a woollen shawl. The chairs were made out of pumpkin seeds, half made out, with little matchstick



Mr. Punch greeted Tom Thumb.

logs. There were pictures on the wall painted on pin-heads. The walls were papered with postage-stamps, and there was a round table made out of a button and daisy stems. "Tom Thumb's bedroom," Mr. Punch went on, "was just as cozy. His bed was a goose-feather, curled up at the top and bottom. His mirror was a shining penny, and he kept his clothes in a closet no bigger than the inside of a morning-glory, which I think it was.

Grow Big

"He invited me to stay for dinner. We had soup out of buttercups, and meat on daisy petals. The salt and pepper shakers were the bottom of blue-bells, and we had napkins made out of the corners of a handkerchief. All in all," Mr. Punch concluded, "it was a wonderful visit and I wish I could have gone again."

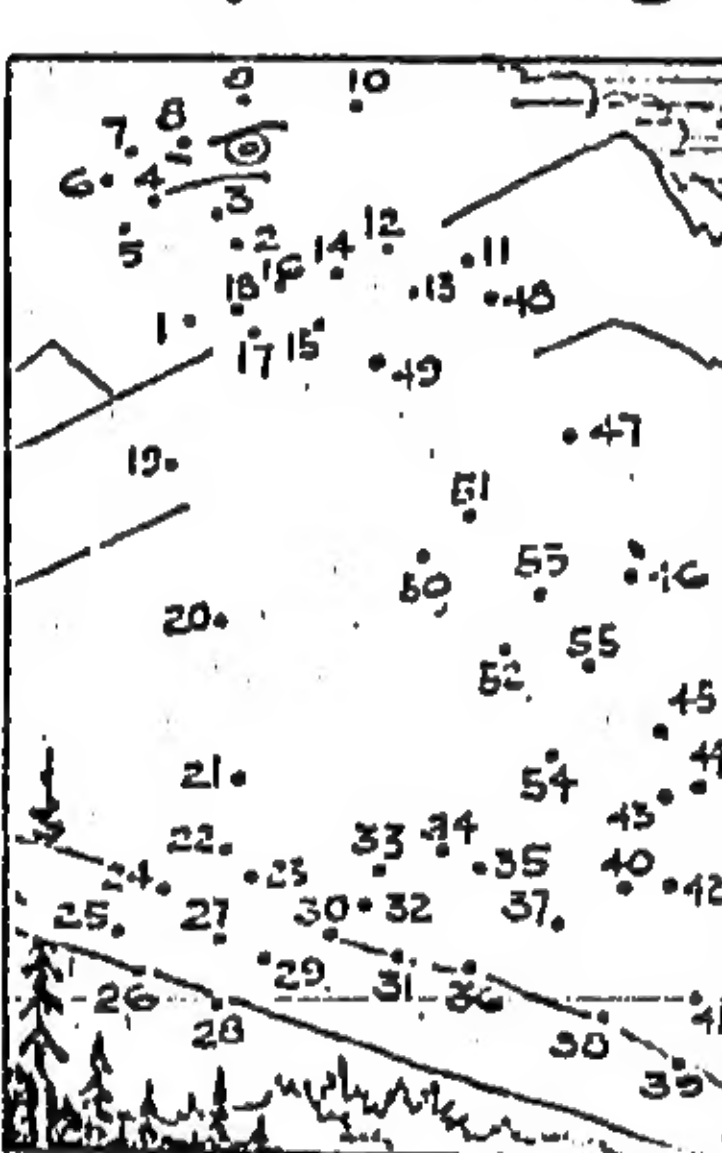
"Why didn't you?" Hanid asked, noticing that Mr. Punch suddenly looked sad. "I hope nothing happened to Tom Thumb."

"No—nothing happened to Tom Thumb. It all happened to me."

"My goodness! What happened?" "I grew too big. The next time I went to his house I couldn't get in. That's what happened."

But Knarf and Hanid smiled. And so did Mr. Punch. Growing big was what almost everyone did, and hollowed-out, with little matchstick no one could help it.

Dotty Drawing



Starting with the No. 1 dot, draw a straight line to dot No. 2 and so on, connecting each dot in order. When you finish, you'll have a picture of the King of Birds. Then you can paint your drawing with water colour or crayon.

Good Hobby

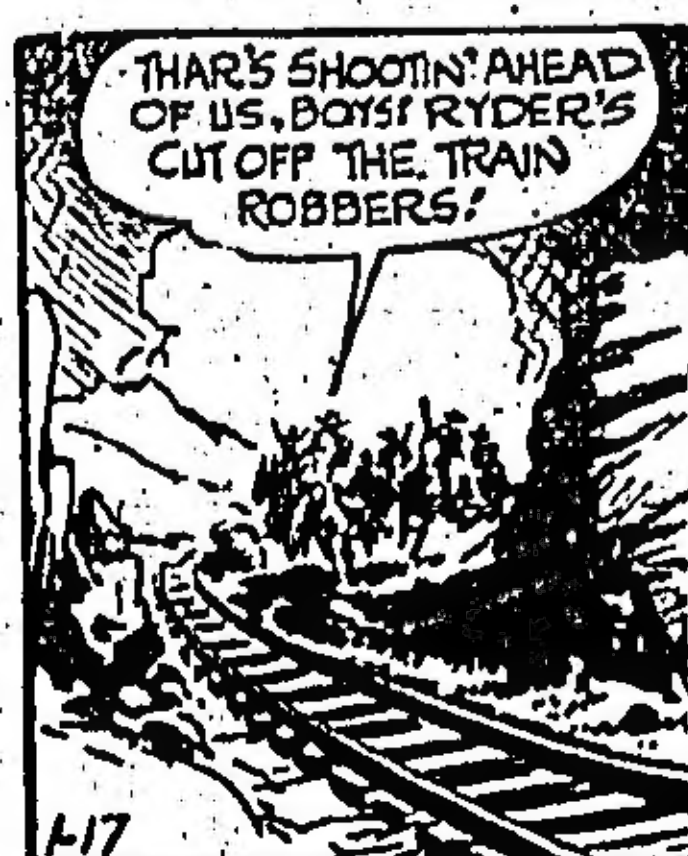
Working in oil cloth is a good hobby. You can make bookcovers, to protect school books against showers, by cutting oilcloth material the length of an opened volume, allowing a quarter-inch hem all around and a generous space on both ends to tuck over the book covers. Oilcloth can be sewed on the sewing machine or stitched by hand. If you develop any skill, you could begin a bench bag for the splash-and-spray days.

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—22



On hearing Rupert's voice the wise old owl shuffled forward and stands with his eyes closed. After the little bear has asked his question the bird feebly lifts a wing and makes wheezy, croaking noises. "I can't understand a word he's saying," thinks Rupert. Then he stares. "Why, you poor thing, he cries. 'I do believe even you have a bad cold the same as all the others! This really is the limit! It's no good my waiting here. You certainly couldn't help us.'"

RED RYDER



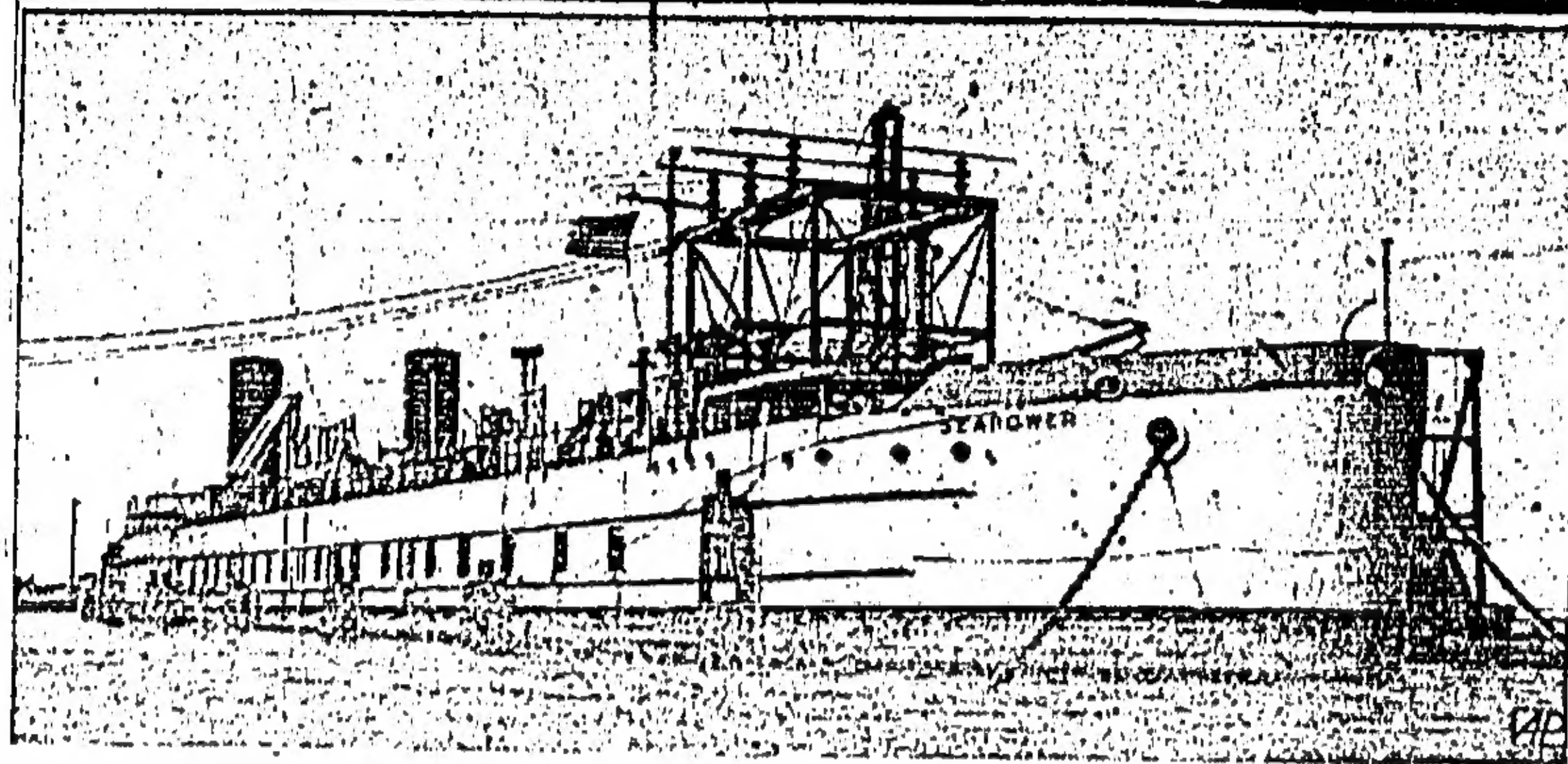
The Battle's On



BY FRED HARMAN



WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



CITY LIGHTED FROM SEA—A sea-going power plant, used by the U.S. Army in the battle of Europe, produces electricity for San Juan, Puerto Rico. Top: The Seapower (lower right) rests at a temporary berth three miles from the city while a permanent mooring slip is built. In foreground is the suburb of Catano, with the main part of the city in the far background. Bottom: A close-up of the Seapower. Built at a cost of US\$4,500,000, it was bought from the U.S. War Assets Administration by the Puerto Rico Water Resources Authority for US\$2,500,000.



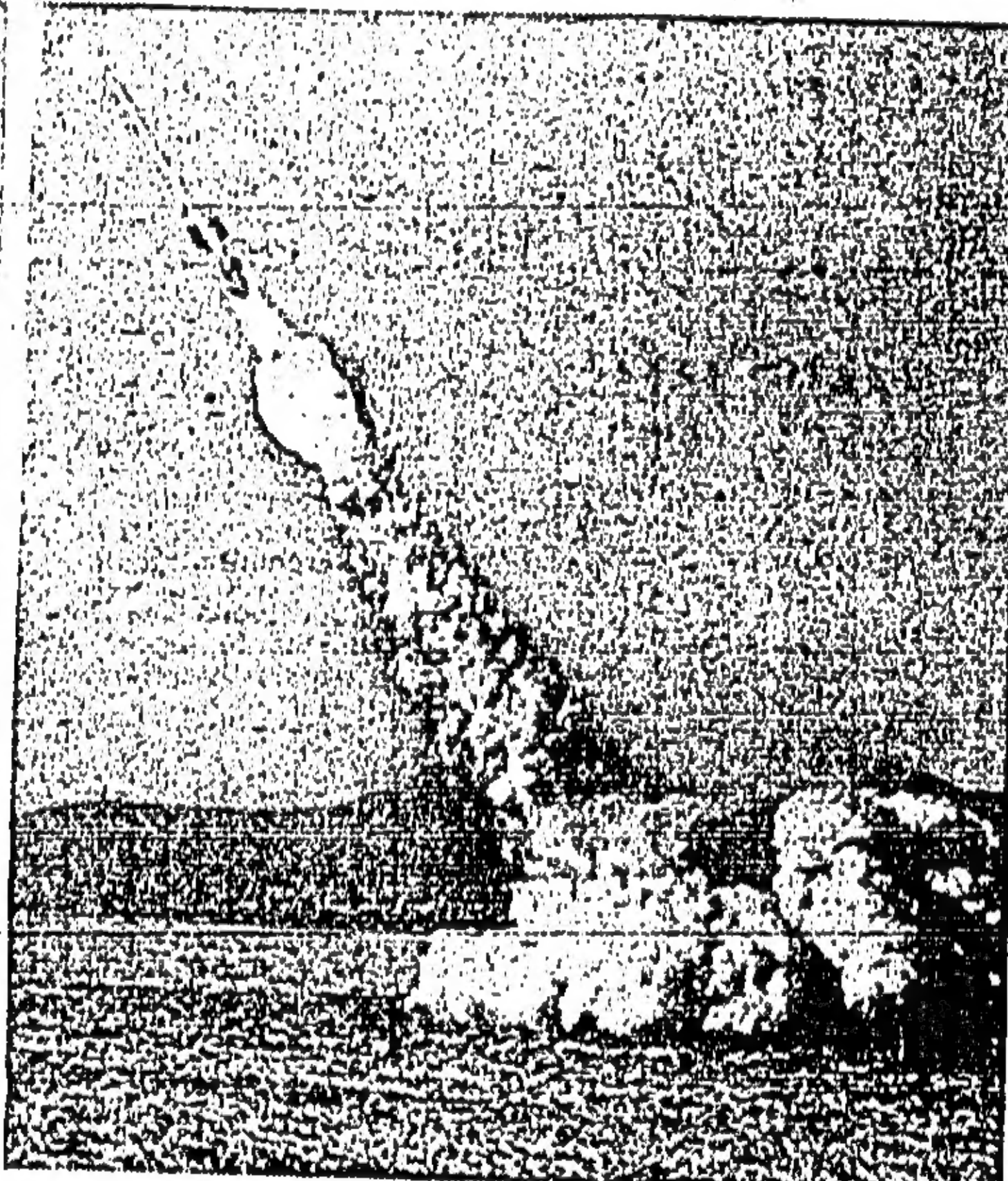
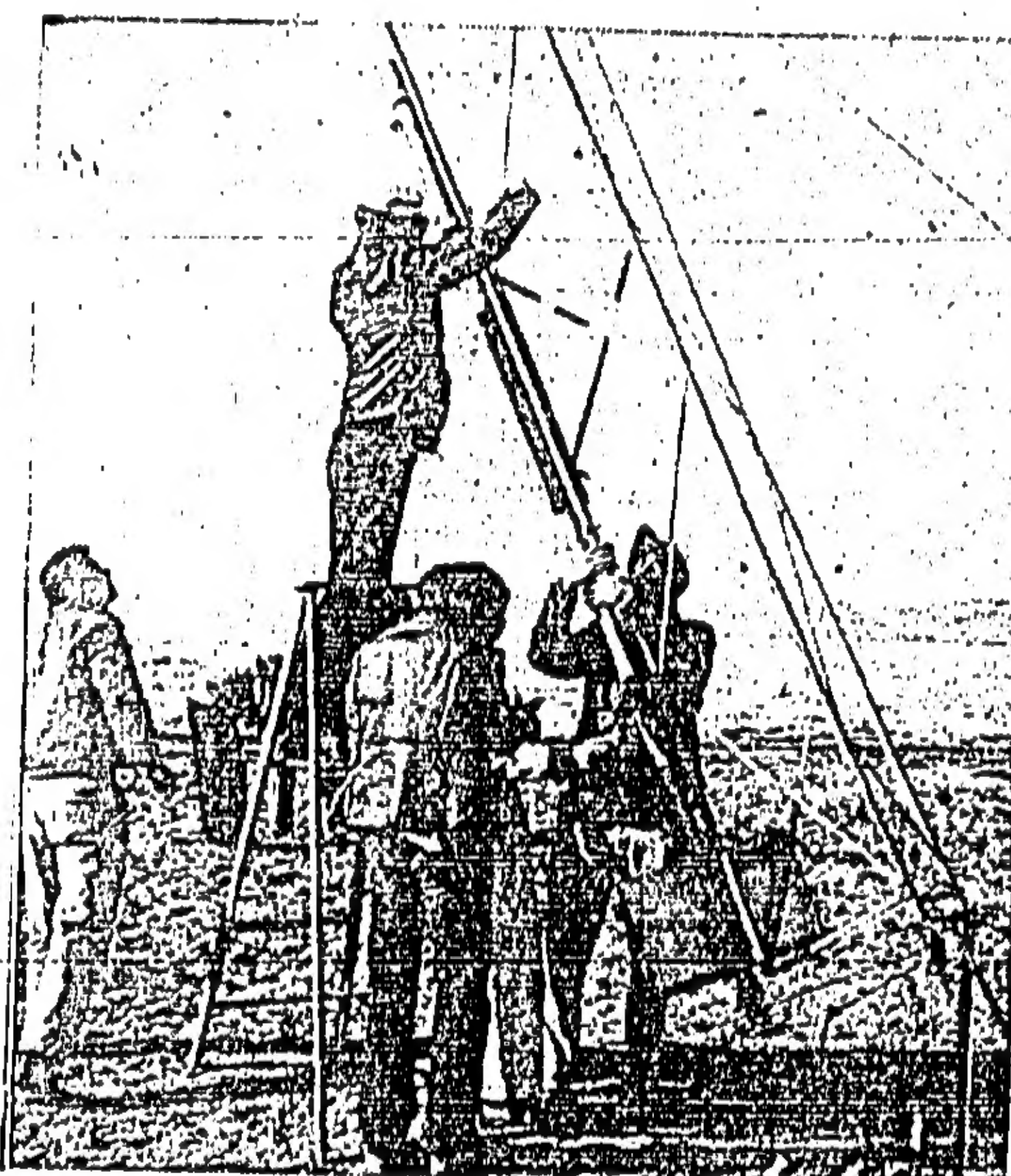
SPEAKER — Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, has been mentioned by political writers as a dark horse in the race for the Republican Presidential nomination.



QUEEN — Gertrude DeCombe, Viennese mannequin, will represent Austria in a Paris beauty contest.



PONDERS THE FATE OF A CITY—An Arab soldier sits in the bell tower of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem, and wonders about the future. People in the Holy Land believe that if the City is attacked with explosives, ancient buildings and churches will crumble.

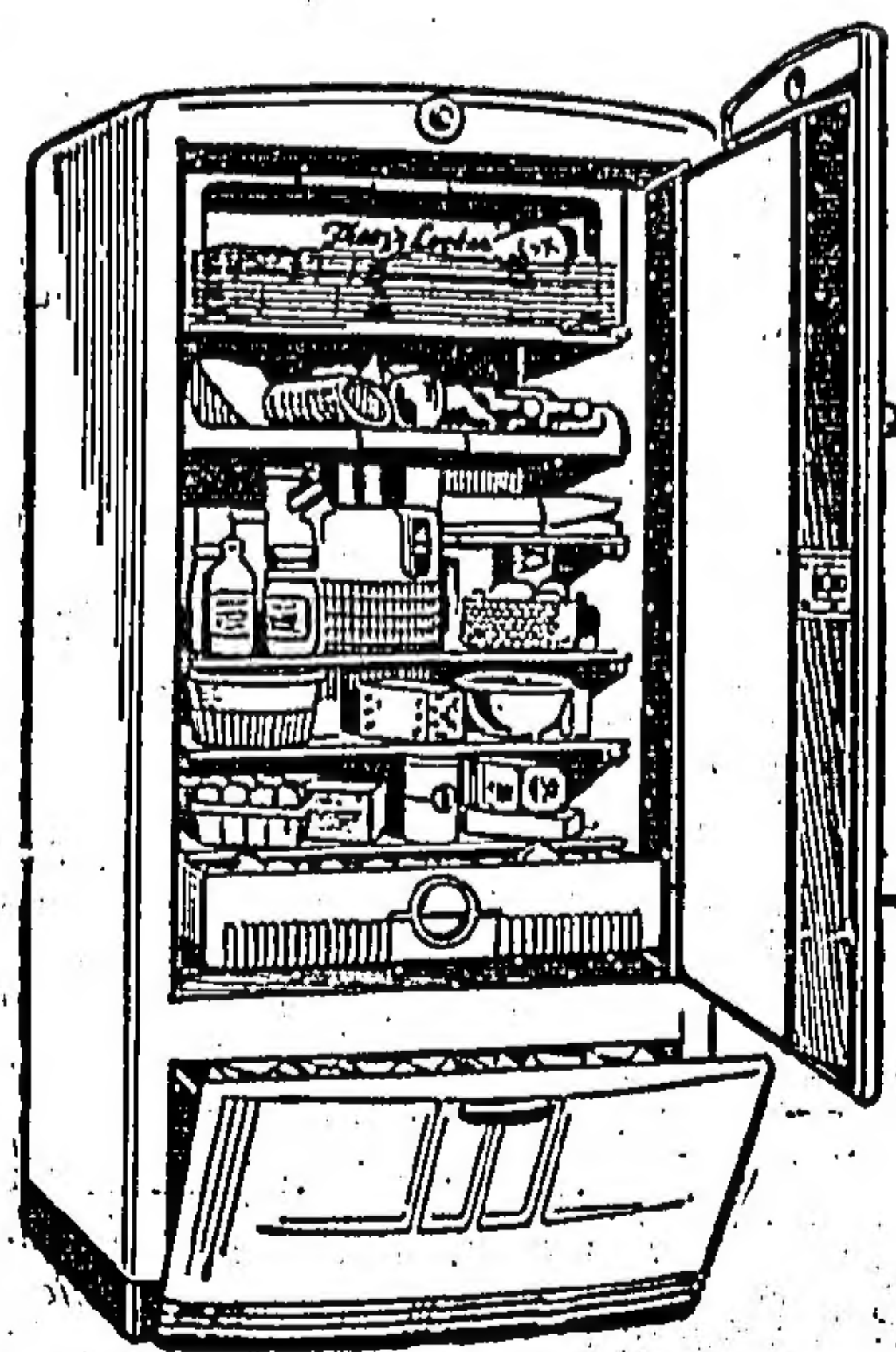


ROCKET MAIL—Scientists at Trona, California, place a rocket in a launching ramp, left, during an experiment with rocket mail. The rockets are 11 feet long and contain 35 pounds of propellant. The rockets are fired electrically from a distance of 100 yards and take off, right, in a burst of smoke. This one travelled a mile and a half, reached a height of 4,000 feet and a speed of 400 miles an hour.



FOUR ARE FOUR—Behind a barrier of coconut cakes, the Zarlef quadruplets of Brooklyn celebrate an important occasion—their fourth birthday. The quads, left to right, are Elaine, Benjamin (young man with the horn), Isadora and Ellen.

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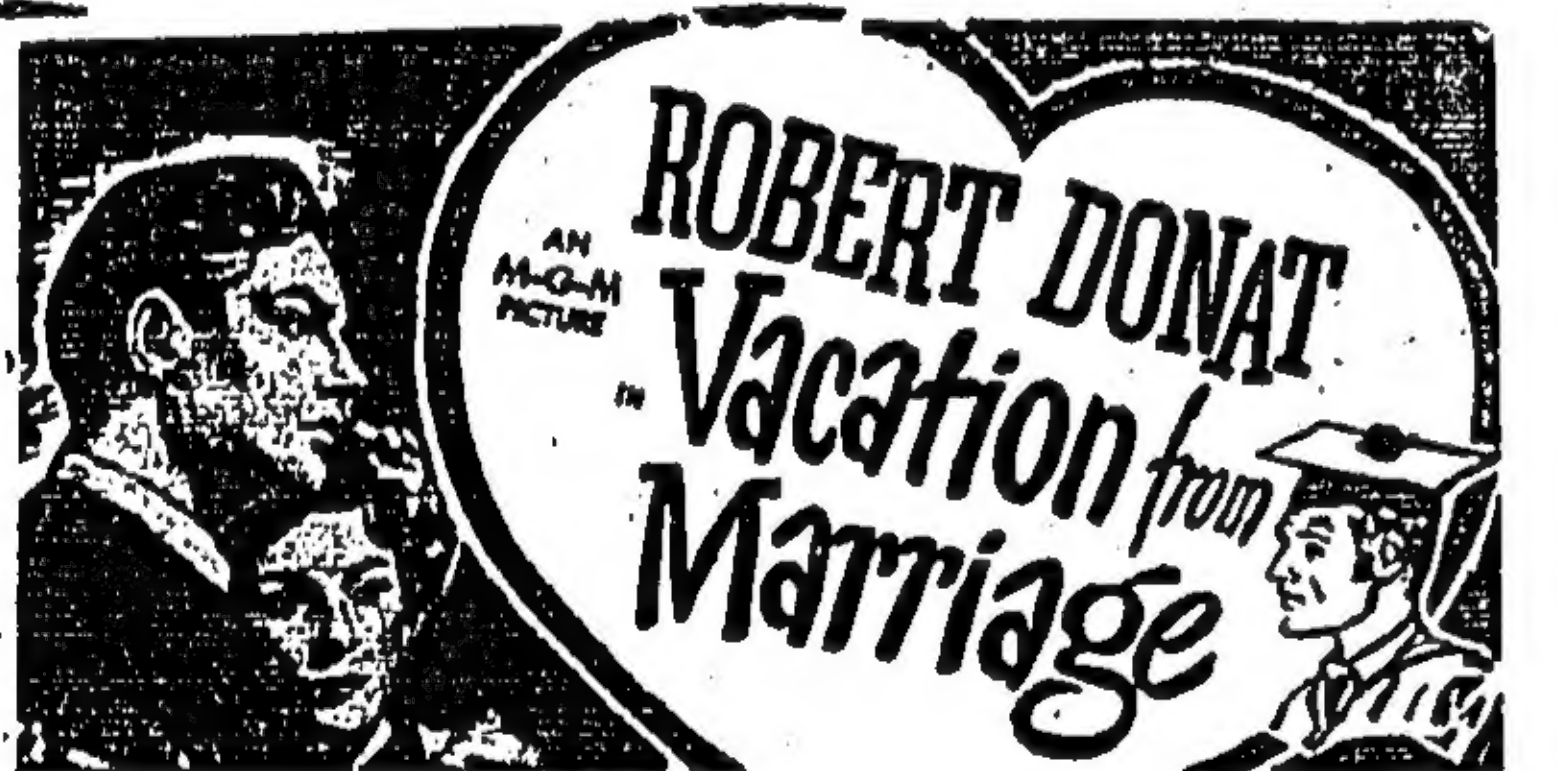
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"Just in case there are any office boys to millionaires among you..."

You can't build a business today and make a million

by BERNARD HARRIS

YOU have no chance today of starting a business in Britain which will make you a millionaire before you die.

Your father had one chance in 250,000. Your grandfather had one chance in 50,000.

Today, according to the records of Somerset House, there are only 244 millionaires in Britain. They are the people with incomes of £50,000 a year or more.

Some are millionaires by virtue only of their income. If they died tomorrow it is doubtful whether they would leave £1,000,000.

Among the 244 there are only 55 multi-millionaires, with incomes exceeding £100,000. There is a wastage rate among our millionaires of about 15 a year.

Sir Stafford Cripps has made it impossible for new recruits to join their thinning ranks except by inheritance or out-and-out speculation.

The self-made millionaire, in the sense of the man who has created a vast business from small beginnings, is a fast disappearing species. And he is the only valuable kind.

12 RULES

"Repeat 'hard work'"
A jam millionaire, asked 50 years ago to give 12 rules for making a million, replied, "Repeat 'hard work' 12 times."

Hard work is no longer the touchstone to great wealth. It will not avail today in the face of taxation rising to 15s. 6d. in the pound, profits tax, frozen dividends, and a "once-for-all" capital levy which may be repeated whenever a hard-pressed Chancellor feels so inclined.

The golden age for would-be millionaires in Britain was the second half of last century. Throughout that period income tax never exceeded 1s. 4d. in the pound. Usually it was less than half that rate. And estate duty was unknown until Sir William Harcourt started the business world by introducing it in 1894.

By the end of the century Britain had nearly 2,200 citizens who ranked as millionaires by today's standards. Several families had more than one representative among them. There were, for example, the descendants of James Coats, who had started a small cotton-spinning factory at Fergallie, near Glasgow, in 1824.

Before that business was a Century old it had turned seven members of the Coats family into millionaires.

Then there were the Wills, of tobacco fame. Eleven members of that family have died since 1909, leaving a total of £30,000,000 between them.

There were the relatives, too, of Jeremiah Colman, the young miller who bought a disused paper mill near Norwich in 1814 and had the idea of making mustard in it instead of paper.

MADE JAM

As Well As Millions

There was William P. Hartley, whose first job in life was to help his parents in a grocery shop in Colne, Lancs.

He took up jam making when he was 25 and was soon set on the road which led to millions. Three other one-time shop assistants were already in, or nearing, the millionaire class in the early 1900s.

They were "Sunlight" Lever—later Lord Leverhulme—founder of the world's biggest soap business; "Tommie" Lipton, the grocer; and Jesse Boot—later Lord Trent—whose cash chemists' business developed from sale of medicinal herbs in a small shop in Goose-gate, Nottingham.

A draper's assistant had already "arrived." He was William Whitely, the "universal provider" who invested £700 in a shop in 1863 and sold it within 36 years for nearly £2,000,000.

Whisky was making millions for the Buchanans and the Dewars. Beer was doing the same for the Gretnes, the Ratcliffs, and the Watneys.

THE EMIGRANT

Made £3,600,000

Shipowning was liberally sprinkled with millionaires. There were the Curries, the Bibbys, the Ellermans, and the Houstons.

And there was the emigrant from Prussia—Robert Ropner—who arrived in England penniless and friendless. He started as a clerk in a shipping office in West Hartlepool and went on to make £3,600,000.

Millionaires were so prolific that it was estimated that more than one-half of the wealth in Britain was owned by one-seventeenth part of the population.

Today their descendants figure largely among the 244 millionaires who remain on the books at Somerset House. There has been a steady slowing-down in the number of "new boys" who have qualified by

their own efforts for the millionaire class.

You will find the richest of them among the football pool promoters, such as the Moores brothers, the ex-printers who run Littlewoods. For them the pools craze has earned promotion from the millionaire into the multi-millionaire division.

Holiday camps and amusement parks have made a millionaire of the former hoop-la stall proprietor, "Billy" Butlin.

Jack Billmeyer, who was a £6-a-week shipbroker's clerk not so many years ago, has seen his fleet of "Stan" ships put him comfortably among the millionaires at the age of 46.

Two years younger is Hugh Fraser, who started business at 15 in a Glasgow warehouse.

He developed The House of Fraser, a chain of 16 shops, and this year sold a part interest on terms which

show him to be in the millionaire group.

Another Scot, 63-year-old Steven James Hardie, has worked his way there through leadership of the British Oxygen group and other big industrial companies.

Qualifying easily for millionaire status, according to his City friends, is 45-year-old Harold Charles Drayton, one time office boy at 19s. 8d. a week.

Skill in financial administration brought him directorships of railways in the Argentine, canals, bus companies, and investment trusts.

Now he figures, on the boards of more than 30 companies.

William Lawrence Stephenson says he is not sure whether he is a millionaire. He has not bothered to work it out. But Somerset House probably has no doubts about it.

Stephenson started as an office boy at £13 a year, rose to be head of the English Woolworths at a reported salary of £80,000 a year.

KEEN GAME

With Many Competitors

Does the country suffer because annihilating taxes have made it impossible for a man to build up a business like his grandfather did before him? This is the comment of a former chief at Somerset House.

"In many ways building up a good business was like playing a keen game with many competitors.

"There can be no doubting the beneficial effects of this kind of game upon the standard of living of the whole country, but today the odds are impossible, and the rules an intolerable burden."

A pill that may turn the world upside down

PROFESSOR THOMAS HERBERT DAVEY, of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, has warned the Government that a tiny pill weighing one and a half grains has the power to start a devastating global war unless Britain tackles her Colonial responsibilities vigorously.

When the anti-malarial drug, paludrine, was discovered three years ago by I.C.I. bio-chemists it was hailed by professors and research scientists as a triumph. But today they are worried.

They fear the consequences of the small white tablet in many overcrowded parts of the world where the high malaria death-rate has hitherto helped to keep down the population in countries already on famine level.

SCIENTISTS' FEARS

From the school a report has gone to the Colonial Office expressing the scientists' fears. It has given the bureaucrats a nightmare peep into the future.

One of the team that proved paludrine—with D.D.T. and penicillin—was one of the three great medical discoveries of the war was Australia-born Brian Gilmore Macgrath, the school's 40-year-old dean.

In the school they rejoiced at the scientific victory which could relieve the sufferings of millions. Proudly they declared the South-West Pacific war was won in a test-tube; Britain knew how to fight malaria, the Japs didn't.

Thousands of malarial ex-Servicemen have been cured by the school.

TOO FAR AHEAD

But now the scientists see another picture. Has science marched too far ahead of a lagging administration in tropical countries? they ask. Is the weapon science has made to fight disease being turned against humanity?

They are dismayed at the prospect of hungry millions of coloured people becoming desperate in the battle for existence as their wretched standard of living is reduced through the population soaring in countries freed from disease.

They fear unrest will eventually lead to open conflict—a war of survival between East and West. They have told the Colonial Office of their fears.

Professor Macgrath rattled a tin of paludrine on his desk. This is the most powerful and in many ways the most useful drug we know," he said.

Professor Davey, his colleague, who has been 19 years at the school, picked up a tiny tablet. "It can be more dangerous than the atom bomb," he declared.

"Why? Because science has advanced far ahead of political economy and education. We face a terrible problem of over-population. 'People are starving in many lands: conditions worsen when population increases. Death through tropical disease has helped to keep the population down.

"But the Government must not rely on malaria to restrict it. They have a trust. They must recognise their responsibilities to the people they govern.

"By controlling a killing disease, this little pill can cause a global war because there will be many more people struggling for existence in lands that haven't room for the present population.

TROUBLE BREWING

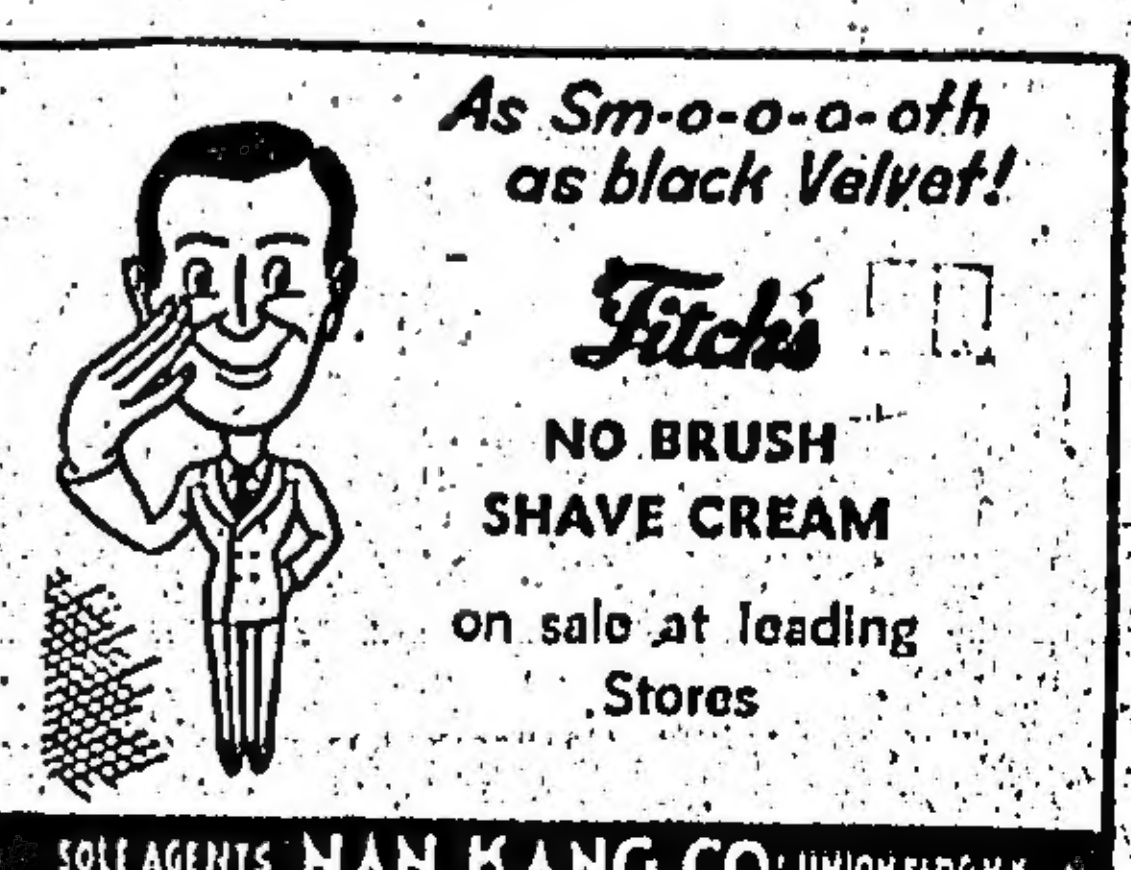
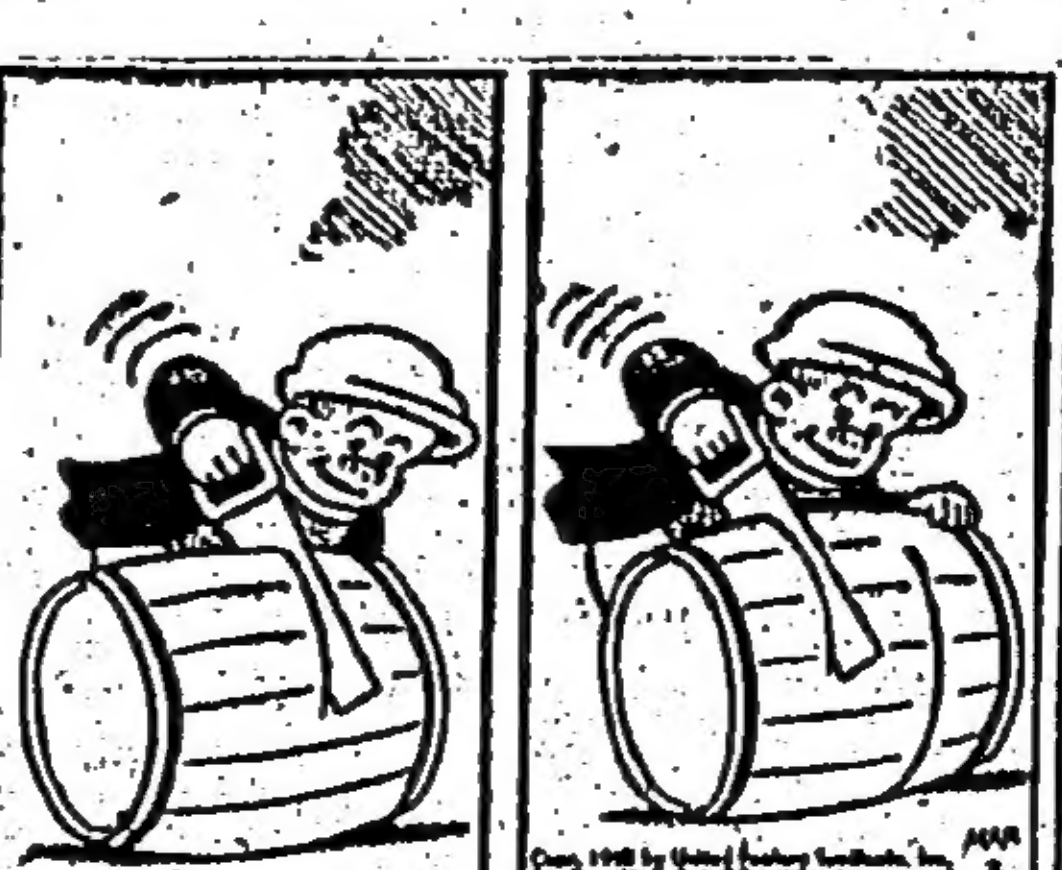
"In seven years Java's population has risen from twelve to forty-eight millions. As the doctors fight the disease death-rate drops and the population rises.

"If the people can't be fed properly there will be terrible trouble. 'We must develop these tropical countries' natural resources. There must be co-operative farming schemes. Wages and conditions must be improved, the marriage age raised.

"We owe a responsibility to these people. The doctors have done their duty. Now the Government must do theirs."

Ronald Pearson

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By Ernie Bushmiller

Forged Notes: Prison For Two Men

FOUND GUILTY ON FOUR CHARGES

Sentence of four years' hard labour was passed by Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning on two men, Yiu Ming, 28, shop fitter, and Hui Kin-hei, 29, partner of an import and export firm, when they were found guilty by a jury, which included five women, on four counts of uttering and possession of forged Siamese tical notes.

The charges on which they were found guilty were of uttering 800 forged 20-tical notes on December 30, 1947; uttering 850 forged 20-tical notes on January 13 this year; possession of 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on January 10; and possession of 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on December 30.

On those counts the accused were sentenced to four years' hard labour on each, the terms to run concurrently.

On a charge of conspiracy to utter 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on or about December 20, they were found not guilty by a majority verdict of 5-2. They were discharged on this count.

Hui was additionally charged with misprision of a felony by concealing the fact that Yiu had uttered 800 forged 20-tical notes, but as the jury returned verdicts of guilty on the counts of uttering and possession, he was formally discharged on that count.

FINE FOR MISPRISON

A third man, Wong Pui, 31, travelling trader, who had pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial to a charge of misprision of a felony through the Counsel, Mr A. J. Clifford (instructed by Mr C. A. S. Hux), was fined \$500. Other charges against him had been withdrawn by Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, who had accepted his plea.

All the accused were arrested after Yiu Ming had carried out some transactions with the Wing Cheung money-changer, 6 Pedder Street, who did not suspect the Siamese tical notes to be forgeries until some time later.

Two witnesses were called by Mr Clifford to speak to the character of Wong Pui. He was long, manager of the Mei Ching confectionery, 606 Shanghai Street, said he had known Wong for ten years and had always found the man to be reliable and honest. At one time Wong was his partner and he had entrusted large sums of money to his care. When Wong borrowed money, he always repaid. Witness had not known Wong to be involved in any trouble before.

Wong's wife, Lo Siu-kan, told the Court her husband was a good man and was a good father to the child, a girl. He supported the family by his business as a travelling trader.

MITIGATION PLEA

Pleading in mitigation, Mr Clifford said that Wong's only offence was that he knew his friends and relatives and committed a crime and he did not give them away to the Police. There was no possible suggestion of uttering, conspiracy or even misprision of the uttering, but purely of the possession. Wong's reason for not informing the Police was that he did not want to let them down.

Counsel drew the Court's attention to the fact that Wong had dropped other charges against the accused and that was tantamount to an acquittal, and once he was acquitted of those charges, they could not be taken into consideration.

Misprision, he went on, was an offence which had practically gone out in England and did not exist in any other code. Through loyalty to his friends, or perhaps negligence, in not reporting, it did not appear to the public conscience to be something really punishable, even though it was a specific offence. Counsel submitted that what offence Wong had committed was really a technical one.

4 MONTHS IN GAOL

He drew attention to the fact that Wong had already served four months in prison since his arrest and had lost a considerable proportion, if not all, of his business. His wife and child were at present dependent on the help of his friends. To impose any further punishment on the accused would, in Counsel's submission, be a cruelty. Counsel asked the Court to confine his mind to the charge to which Wong had pleaded guilty and nothing more.

Mr Reynolds agreed that misprision was a crime which was not often charged against anyone these days, but the charge was not that accused refused to give away his friends. The offence was that he did know the other accused had possession of forged notes and he did nothing about it.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Gould said to Yiu and Hui: "You were undoubtedly in this transaction with the object of disposing of banknotes together and you have, in my opinion, been rightly convicted by the jury."

To Wong Pui, he said: "Your case is one of some difficulty. I have taken into consideration the period of nearly four months that you have already spent in prison and I have decided that it is sufficient if I impose a fine which I fix in the sum of \$500."

Wong was ordered to be detained until the money was paid. On the application of the Crown the Court made an order for the confiscation and destruction of the forged notes. An order was further made that a sum of \$500 in the possession of the Police be paid to Hui Kin-hei, the money-changer, who was the only person who had suffered a loss as he had reimbursed Miss Gardner for the forged notes she had purchased from him.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY



H.K. And Whampoa Dock's Year Of Achievement

PLANS TO MODERNISE COMPANY'S ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

"The results of the year's trading activities are considered very satisfactory, particularly after taking into account the difficulties encountered during the earlier part of the year when we were still hampered by war damage and by a shortage of staff," said Mr S. T. Williamson at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd, held this morning.

In his report Mr Williamson, Chairman of Directors, disclosed that it had been decided to modernise the whole electrical equipment in the Company's premises.

He said: "At the Ordinary Yearly Meeting held on June 16 of last year, the Chairman gave you a brief picture of the rehabilitation accomplished up to that time. I should like to add a brief statement on further rehabilitation from then up to the present time."

The Time Office, at our main premises, Kowloon Dock, which was completely destroyed, was rebuilt during the year to an improved design. Extensive re-roofing and structural repairs were carried out to the west yard, plating shed, boiler shop and the foundry, so that all these buildings have now been restored to their pre-war state. The replacement and overhaul of machines and equipment has been extensive and progressive throughout the period and many of the machines ordered in 1945 arrived from the U.K. during 1947 with the consequent improvement to our machine and other shops. A number of overhead travelling cranes which had been put out of action during the war were repaired and the new 50 ton Babcock & Wilcox overhead travelling crane was installed in the Machine Shop during the summer of 1947.

We have recently acquired four Gantry heavy lift dockside cranes of the most modern construction, which arrived in the Colony towards the end of February and the foundations and other work connected with their erection is well in hand.

In addition to these dockside cranes we have had delivery of four mobile derrick cranes and three mobile derrick cranes. At Cosmopolitan Dock we also carried out extensive rehabilitation work, but are still held up for final completion there due to the continued non-arrival of roofing materials, the supply position of which is most acute in all Colonies.

Our tugs and lighters suffered extremely heavy war damage, and upon the re-occupation of the Colony we were only able to recover a few launches. During the year we purchased and fitted out three additional Tug Boats, "H.W.D. Pauline", "H.W.D. Gertrude" and "H.W.D. Dorothy"; so that our tugboat facilities in the harbour are therefore equal to what they were pre-war.

I trust the foregoing will give you an indication that further considerable progress has been achieved in restoring the Company's amenities during the year. There is, however, a vast amount still to be done which will require extensive capital expenditure in the immediate and near future. It will be recalled that the Company did not recoup its electric current frequency from 60 to 50 cycles due to the incidence of the European War and our need for maintaining output of new ships for the war effort; the time is already overdue for this important change-over to take place, and arrangements have recently been concluded with the China Light & Power Co. for this to be effected. In view of the circumstances, it has also been decided to modernise the whole electrical equipment in our premises at the same time.

TRADING ACTIVITIES
Turning to the Company's trading activities during the year 1947, I am pleased to report on behalf of the Board that the results are considered very satisfactory, particularly after taking into account the difficulties encountered during the earlier part of the year when we were still hampered by war damage and by a shortage of staff brought about by many of the members being on recuperative leave after internment.

A number of large-scale conversions from coal to oil fuel were completed and also a number of major refitment and repair jobs were carried out expeditiously. I am naturally unable to go into the details of all these but would add that the output of work achieved reflects great credit to the management and staff who were still working under difficult conditions.

By the end of the year, a large number of our old and also new

members of our supervisory staff had arrived, and we now have an adequate and well-qualified staff to deal with all branches of our activities. The increase in staff has necessitated further capital expenditure upon our staff quarters, and your Board decided to convert a block of 18 houses into self-contained flats, which work is now almost completed.

Turning to the Report and Accounts, as these have been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

70 CENT DIVIDEND

The profit, after allowing for Depreciation, is \$3,384,974. Your Board have recommended that the Profit should be appropriated in the following manner:—(1) Provision for Contingencies and Taxation \$575,000; (2) Reserve for Extensions and Improvements \$550,000; (3) The creation of an Insurance Reserve Fund \$500,000; (4) Payment of a dividend of 70c per share less Tax \$330,000. Leaving an amount unappropriated \$529,974.

This amount to be carried forward together with the amount from 1946. The Reserve for Extensions and Improvements is considered by the Board to be most essential in view of additional modernisation which must take place progressively. Your Board have also considered it desirable to establish an Insurance Reserve: typhoon damage risk was formerly covered with an Insurance Company, but the Board have since decided that it would be an economy for the Company to carry this risk, and the reserve is made as a guard against the possibility of typhoon and similar damage which might arise.

Although our Balance Sheet shows a balance at Bank of over \$5,000,000, I must direct your attention to the pre-war overdraft of \$1,728,000 which will fall for payment in the future, as will other pre-war creditors' claims when the existing Moratorium is lifted. There will also be the payment of bills for capital expenditure in respect of items actually on order at the close of the year together with items ordered since the date of the Balance Sheet, and in particular the installation costs of plant and equipment after its arrival in Hongkong.

BUILDING UP STOCKS

Throughout the year our ordinary trading stocks have been building up as the result of shipments received from overseas (in many cases upon orders placed in 1945), but we still have a considerable quantity to arrive which will fall due for payment during the present year; the most serious position regarding stocks is the continued shrinkage of our steel stocks due to the usage being very much in excess of replacement, in fact since the date of re-occupation of the Colony we have received less than we require. During the present year, we have received two small shipments, and have recently concluded negotiations for further supplies during the present year, which upon delivery will mean considerable cash payments.

I have not given the foregoing figures in any way to depress you but merely to indicate and point out that, although our Profit for the year amounted to \$3,384,974, it was, and is necessary to conserve funds within the Company structure and that they are, in consequence, not available for normal dividend purposes at this stage. Your Directors are appreciative of the ready response in May last year to the offer they made and the dividend share issue at a 100% premium. Under the circumstances, they felt that in spite of the future cash commitments of the Company, a first post-war dividend should be paid, and, taking full matters into account, decided to recommend a dividend of 70c per share which, less tax amounts to a cash payment of \$330,000, which should indicate that we are on our way to better times after such a serious war upheaval and with all the resultant damage to our organisation.

Looking at the Balance Sheet in more detail, you will see that the Fixed Asset had been increased by \$2,300,033, mainly built up by the

items I have already referred to in the speech and in the Directors' Report. The current assets of the Company representing its stocks, work in progress, debtors, bank balance, etc. increased by \$10,336,300, as the result of the continued expansion of the Company's business.

I am sorry to say that little progress was achieved during 1947 in connection with claims for war losses, and the only item which was disposed of was that in connection with diverted cargoes to Australia, India, etc. during the war; the claims outstanding for this were paid subject to a residue of stocks still in Australia which were shipped to us in Hongkong. This claim is now disposed of subject to certain costs incurred by our Agents during the war and which will be added to our main claim for war damages, but there is nothing further to report regarding this, our main Reparation Claim.

I now formally propose the adoption of the Reports and Accounts as presented together with the recommendations of the Directors as embodied therein; after these have been seconded, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

SHAREHOLDERS' PATIENCE

Seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts, Mr J. H. Seth said:

We have listened with great interest to your outline of the future policy of our Company, particularly as to mechanisation. It must be obvious even to a layman, that mechanisation is essential if we are to maintain our position as one of the leading Dockyards in the Far East, a position we attained before the war by means of a plentiful supply of cheap skilled labour. Those days are past, and to maintain that position we must try to keep in advance of the times; this can only be accomplished by modernising our plant and creating an up-to-date Dockyard. I gather from your remarks, Sir, we are rapidly approaching this goal.

Unfortunately, this requires a large capital outlay and it is necessary for shareholders to forego what may be considered their fair participation in the profit earned. Bearing in mind, however, that this Capital expenditure is necessary if we are to survive, I am sure shareholders will be prepared to exercise a little patience.

As you know, Sir, I am an advocate of larger dividends for shareholders where, in my opinion, they are justified, but realise it is not possible to pay away a large portion of our profits until such time as our yards are completely modernised.

A study of the Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1947, reveals the financial strength of the Company, and it is gratifying to see that the Liquid Assets are more than sufficient to discharge Current Liabilities and Provisions.

With these remarks, Sir, I have pleasure in seconding the resolution proposed by you.

No War Claims Compensation From Public Funds

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for re-sale, which has resulted in cash receipts by the Hongkong Government; (c) His Majesty's Government will give a further free grant of £1,000,000 to assist the Colony in resolving problems arising out of expenditure connected with the war.

As a further expression of their willingness to assist Hongkong, His Majesty's Government are prepared (a) to make interest-free loans to the Colony up to a maximum of £3,000,000 and to make such funds available in Hong Kong for the construction of a modern airport of international standard; (b) to make a free grant of £2,000,000 for the Hong Kong University.

"A GREAT EFFORT"
Further discussion will take place between His Majesty's Government and Hongkong on the apportionment of expenditure on goods supplied by His Majesty's Government to Hongkong after Civil Government had been resumed.

Difficulties regard to the financial difficulties with which the United Kingdom is itself faced as a result of losses incurred during the war, and having regard to the heavy burden which the United Kingdom taxpayer is called upon to bear, the above proposals represent a great effort and a very real proof of sympathy and goodwill.

SINGAPORE AND MALAYA
London, Apr. 26.—The British government has agreed to contribute

£10,000,000 as a free grant to the Singapore and Malayan Federation governments towards expenditure arising from war damage and war risk claims, the House of Commons was told today.

The British government will also provide an additional £35,000,000 as an interest free loan if the two Malayan governments are unable to raise that amount from their own resources.

The statement, made jointly by Britain, the Federation of Malaya and the government of Singapore through the Colonial Office, said that expenditures by the Malayan governments must be restricted to the sum "necessary to meet essential needs of an austere life."

Total Malayan expenditures contemplated on all classes of claims for war damage aggregate £55,000,000.

In addition to the £10,000,000 to be granted by the British and the possible £35,000,000 as an interest free loan, £10,000,000 is expected from Japan as war reparations. The British government, "as a further evidence of goodwill," will not seek any contribution from the Malayan governments in respect to the costs of the military administration immediately following the war, the statement said. Those costs totalled more than £7,000,000.—Associated Press.

Death Of Former H.K. Resident

News has been received in Hongkong of the death of Mr Albert Edward Clarke, Assoc. I. E. E. formerly of the Electrical Department, P.W.D., which occurred in Dover, England, on April 25. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs Kathleen Mann, wife of Mr D. Mann, of the Marine Department, and Mrs Marie Dansey, of the Gloucester Hotel.

Born on September 14, 1886, the late Mr Clarke joined the Public Works Department as a temporary electrician in June 1919 and became Senior Inspector of Works in July 1926. He was later appointed Chief Electrician and was interned in Stanley Camp. On liberation, he left for the United Kingdom in the Empress of Australia on recuperation leave prior to retirement on pension.

RAPE CHARGE

Leonard Walter Hempel, a restaurant manager of 30, Nathan Road, made his second appearance before Mr Latimer, at Kowloon Court this morning on a charge of rape.

Hempel, a 24-year-old Briton, was alleged to have had carnal knowledge of Chan Wai-fong, 23, a married woman residing at 51, Halphong Road, third floor, without her consent on April 24. The offence was said to have been committed on the staircase of a house in Pilgrim Street.

Upon application by the Police Hempel was further remanded for a week. Bail was fixed at \$50.

Revolver Found In Abandoned Coat

A brand-new revolver and 200 rounds of ammunition, found yesterday hidden in a pocket of a coat stored in the No. 1 godown of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, was ordered to be confiscated by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court this morning. Mr Latimer also ordered that the great coat be given to the home for the aged.

I am sure shareholders will be prepared to exercise a little patience. As you know, Sir, I am an advocate of larger dividends for shareholders where, in my opinion, they are justified, but realise it is not possible to pay away a large portion of our profits until such time as our yards are completely modernised.

A study of the Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1947, reveals the financial strength of the Company, and it is gratifying to see that the Liquid Assets are more than sufficient to discharge Current Liabilities and Provisions.

With these remarks, Sir, I have pleasure in seconding the resolution proposed by you.

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China Partially Lifts Gold Embargo

China has partially lifted the embargo on the import of gold into the country.

According to a notification issued yesterday by the Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District, each person entering China is allowed to carry a maximum of 10 Halkwan taels of gold.

The notice also refers to the entry of foreign currency notes into China, the limit allowed to be carried by any person entering the country being US\$100 or the equivalent.

Any amount in excess of the limit allowed is to be declared and registered with the Customs and exchanged into Chinese National currency at the market rate of exchange at the local office of the Central Bank of China or its authorized exchange agents.

Brothel Keeper Fined

With one previous conviction against her for a similar offence, Wong Kam, 40, a widow, was charged before Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court this morning with keeping a brothel at 324, Battery Street, second floor. She was fined \$500 or six months.

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SPORTS NEWS

BOXING

BY "RECORDER"

Services Finals Tonight

Heavy Slogging Feature Of Preliminary Rounds

The preliminary rounds of the first post-war Services' Boxing Championships were fought off at the China Fleet Club yesterday afternoon where the finals also are to be held tonight, commencing at 8 p.m. Individual titles only are being contested.

The preliminaries showed up some all-out fighting as well as occasional good boxing and saw Irishmen, Australians and Danes in the ring as well as Englishmen.

The fights held a good deal of gallery appeal, there being a minimum of dawdling, and fight fans would be doing themselves a disservice in missing the finals tonight.

A feature of yesterday's preliminaries was the impressive display put up by a four-man team from the Australian destroyer Quiberon, the Aussie showing an individual style more in form with Club than Services boxing, but effective enough nevertheless.

Their light-heavy entrant, CPO Laundry, was unfortunate in being eliminated in the second round of the game. He took a deal of punishment in his first fight with L/Cpl. Hardy of the Buffs, whom he beat on a TKO in the third round after taking as heavy slogging as he meted out and in his second fight took even more, doing out as much in his turn, from L/Cpl. Double, also of the Buffs, before having to retire on medical advice after sustaining a bad bruise over the left eye.

GLUT OF KOs

There was one knock-out that came after less than 10 seconds of fighting and as many decisions were won on straight and technical KOs as on points.

Of the featherweights, the sole Royal Air Force entry, A/C. W. Norton, looks the better bet for the title. Fusilier Bond, the other finalist, from the Inniskillings, should force a close decision of their bout in the final.

Of the lightweights, Guttie, of the Quiberon, should put up a good show, but the favourite remains SPO J. T. Scollings, of HMS London, whose experience ought to win through though he conceded four pounds to the Australian.

In the welterweight class, Quiberon's AB Sebbert looks the best bet, though Mulley, of Amethyst, Ryan, also of Quiberon, and O'Brien of the Buffs could all make it close.

There seems to be no one to touch Pulling among the middleweights, though Sgt. Carr, of the Inniskillings, put up a fair show against him yesterday. All the fights in this division were won on points and the general standard seemed higher than at other weights.

In the heavyweight class, I do not fancy anyone of the by-standers against Double, of the Buffs, who packs a wicked punch and has both height and reach.

PRELIMINARY ROUND RESULTS

Results in yesterday afternoon's preliminary rounds were:

Featherweight

Fus. P. Sweeney (Inniskillings) beat Fus. J. Moran (Inniskillings) on points. Both weighed in at 9 stone.

Altracraftman W. Norton (RAF) beat Fus. M. Nicholas (Inniskillings) on a KO in the second round. Both weighed in at 9 stone.

Semi-Heavyweight

Ord/Seaman C. Guttie (HMAS Quiberon) beat Boy W. Pal Guille (HMS London) on points. Guttie, who weighed in at 9 st. 8, was four pounds heavier.

Lightweight

Fus. C. Clarke (Inniskillings) beat Pte. D. Dyer (Buffs) on a TKO in the first round. Both weighed in at 9 stone 9.

Ord/Seaman C. Guttie (HMAS Quiberon) beat Boy W. Pal Guille (HMS London) on points. Guttie, who weighed in at 9 st. 8, was four pounds heavier.

First Round:

AB Mulley (HMS Amethyst) beat Pte. P. Vigus (Buffs) on points. Mulley, who weighed in at 10 st. 2, conceded five lbs.

AB D. Sebbert (HMAS Quiberon) beat Pte. J. Sales (Buffs) on a TKO in the first round. Both weighed in at 10 st. 7.

Cpl. H. Adair (Inniskillings) beat Pte. W. Edwards (Buffs) on a TKO in the second round. Adair, who weighed in at 10 st. 7, was six pounds heavier.

Stwd. C. P. Ryan (HMAS Quiberon) beat Fus. Maloney (Inniskillings) on points. Ryan weighed in at 10 st. 4 and conceded three lbs.

Sgt. P. O'Brien (Buffs) beat AB J. Robertson (HMS Consort) on a

EX-CHAMPION



CARNERA AND COMPANY—Former heavyweight boxing champion Primo Carnera sits with his family in their New York hotel suite after their arrival from Italy. The two children are Umberto, 8, and Jane Marie. Carnera, now a wrestler, had not seen his family in two years.

BASEBALL

BOSTON SHUTS OUT BROOKLYN DODGERS

New York, Apr. 26.—In the National League, Bill Vosselle handcuffed the Brooklyn Dodgers with three singles in pitching Boston to a shutout over Brooklyn, 5-0. Second baseman Eddie Stanky helped hand his former Dodger mates their second straight defeat by smashing a triple and a single and drawing a base on balls.

Lefty Dave Kesz showed he has completely recovered from an operation on his pitching elbow by holding the Philadelphia Phillies to seven hits as the Giants won their fifth straight game, 5-1. Leftfielder Gordon hit a homer and a single and centrefielder Whitey Lockman and catcher Walker Cooper each smashed two extra base hits to lead the Giant attack.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

In the American League, Fred Sanford pitched the Saint Louis Browns to a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers in a mound duel with Paul Trout. The Brown hurler scored the winning run himself after doubling in the sixth.

Bob Feller, appearing as a relief pitcher, relieved the straight Chicago White Sox batters in the 14th inning to save Cleveland's 12-11. Eddie Robinson hit his second home run of the game for the unbeaten Indians' fifth straight victory in leading off the fifth extra inning of a four-hour and 20-minute contest. Seven home runs, three triples, four doubles and 23 singles were hit for 68 bases off 11 pitchers, seven for Cleveland and four for the White Sox.

National League			
Brooklyn	0	3	1
Boston	5	8	0
(Winning pitcher Bill Vosselle)			
Philadelphia	1	7	1
New York	5	8	0
(Winning pitcher Dave Kesz)			
American League			
Detroit	1	9	0
Saint Louis	2	7	1
(Winning pitcher Fred Sanford)			
Cleveland	12	22	0
Chicago	11	15	1
(Winning pitcher Christopher)			

HOME FOOTBALL

QP Rangers Gain Promotion

London, Apr. 26.—The London club, Queen's Park Rangers, gained the one point needed to make sure of promotion from the Third Division, Southern, when they drew at home 0-0 with Swansea Town this evening.

The full results were:

Third Division, Southern	
Bristol City	4
Queen's Park R. 0 Swansea Town	0
Third Division, Northern	
Stockport	2
Scottish	1
Fourth Division	
Rangers	1
Friendly Matches	
Chelsea	1
Torquay Utd.	3

CHINESE VISITORS LOSE

Manila, Apr. 26.—The visiting South China football team, which arrived here on Saturday, lost its first game of a series of six games in Manila last night by the score of three to two.

FATAL CASUALTY

London, Apr. 26.—Altracraftman Grantham Flash of the RAF collided with another player in a soccer football match and died a few minutes later. A coroner's inquest today ruled death by misadventure from cerebral concussion.—Associated Press.

COLONY TENNIS

HK Players For National Games

Hongkong's Chinese community will be represented in the tennis tournament at the Chinese National Games in Shanghai by the Tsui brothers, Choy Tin-fook and P. T. Hsu.

Ip Koon-hung, the Colony champion, will also play at the National Games, where he will represent Kwangtung. Mrs. K. H. Ip, who was Miss Yeung Wal-hun, will also play as a member of the Kwangtung team.

The Hongkong team leaves for Shanghai on Sunday.

TODAY'S MATCH

Ip Koon-hung and Choy Tin-fook meet this evening in the semi-final of the Open Singles Championship in the Stand Court match at the HKCC.

Ip has not been at top form lately, as was demonstrated by his performance against the Java second string, Tam Lip-chiao, last week, and an upset is not at all unlikely.

Ip, of course, is Choy's master on court craft. Choy, however, as he showed in his quarter-final match with S. A. Rumlahn, has a sense of stroke-play that may stand him in good stead against Ip. His kills are as steady as they are from the net or baseline, from forehand or backhand.

He is not the volleying type of player and much will depend upon whether he hits stride early enough. Should he take an early lead, it will be hard to stop him.

GOLF

BY ARCHIE QUICK

Prize Money Will Be £30,000 This Season

Thirty-thousand-pounds are being put up for competition this coming professional golf season and it is attracting stars as though they were wasps round a honey pot. It is an awful lot of money in anyone's language and the biggest ever offered in Great Britain but it is a mere fleabite compared with the all-year-round United States circuit that is open to Yankee pros to win.

Not surprising, therefore, that Henry Cotton is going over to America although it is not yet clear whether he is going to desert Monte Carlo and Great Britain for a prolonged stay.

Norman Von Nida, the bellicose Australian, however, evidently feels there is easier money to be found here after his £3,000 tour last year than in the United States where he has to fight in more senses than one for less money.

Swarthy Norman will be following the cash trail in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales from the time they say go at Moor Park in April to the Masters' Tourney in September.

More selective is Chubby Bobby Locke. South Africa's champion, taking time out from partnering the Duke of Windsor in the professional amateur competition in Miami, spared a moment to enable "Ain't my bed for me. I shall be over for the Open Championship."

—And I think Bobby will be the mainspring of the British, as distinct from the English defence against the American onslaught on a title that has deteriorated in value since the days of Hagan and Sarazen.

It is going to be a great season and it may be remarkable insofar as former Wimbledon Lawn Tennis champion Ellsworth Vines, ex-amateur golf champion Lawson Little, even boxer Joe Louis threaten to compete.

At least it will be the most representative post-war field. Millions of dollars are being poured into a lot of dollars at Hoylake last year, will be there again.

And what of home players led by dual Open and Match champion, breezy Irishman Fred Daly, supported by Dai Rees and lot of other good golfers. I have a lot of faith in the little Welshman. He keeps threatening to do something big again and his American tour has done him a power of good.

GUINEAS WEEK

FOUR-DAY CLASSIC STARTS ON NEWMARKET HEATH

(By BILL MACKLIN)

London, Apr. 27.—"Guineas Week" opens on historic Newmarket Heath today with a four-day meeting highlighted by the running of the season's five classic races. A score of the crack thoroughbreds from England and France will compete for Britain's richest prize in the 2,000 Guineas tomorrow.

The largest field in history is expected to start in the 1,000 guineas for fillies only on Friday.

Both classics for three-year-olds only are run over the mile. Total value of the 2,000 guineas, first run in 1800, is now £14,000. Most of the purses come from entry fees.

There were 34 final acceptances of which three have dropped out. More are expected.

TWO FAVOURITES

It is expected to be a two horse race between the Maharaja of Baroda's My Babu and Col. G. E. Loder's The Cobler.

My Babu ran last season under the name of Gerline. He was rated

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

FINALS HELD OVER TO END OF MAY

Because several of the semi-finalists are going to Shanghai to represent the Hongkong Chinese in the China National Athletic Meeting, it has been found necessary to postpone some of the semi-finals and also the finals of the Hongkong Badminton Association 1948 championships until the last week in May.

The Colony players due to take part in the National Meet leave for Shanghai on Sunday and are expected to return by May 21.

At a meeting of the championship's sub-committee last night it was decided to conduct the following programme:

Friday, May 7, at the Kowloon Cricket Club, starting at 8 p.m.

A. L. Fisher v. W. C. Chung (junior singles semi-final), S. Saul v. K. Y. Tam (junior singles semi-final), J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Silva v. R. Young and Miss U. Khoo (mixed doubles semi-final), A. Ho and K. F. Chiu v. A. Bayot and F. M. Ribeiro (junior doubles semi-final).

Monday, May 24, at the Club de Recreo, starting at 8 p.m.

Low Keat-soo v. R. Tny (senior singles semi-final), P. Wong v. S. Ampalayannar (senior singles semi-final), S. Saul and W. C. Chung v. R. Tny and T. H. Choo (junior doubles semi-final).

Tuesday, May 25, at the Club de Recreo, starting at 8 p.m.

P. H. Wong and C. Au v. T. S. Young and W. F. Foo (senior doubles semi-final), Low Keat-soo and A. Vanar v. R. Tny and P. K. Hui (senior doubles semi-final), R. Tny

and Miss W. Cheung v. P. H. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro (mixed doubles semi-final).

FINALS

Thursday, May 27, at the Kowloon Cricket Club, starting at 8 p.m.

Men's Senior Singles Final, Men's Junior Doubles Final, and one exhibition game.

Friday, May 28, at the Kowloon Cricket Club, starting at 8 p.m.

Men's Junior Singles Final, Mixed Doubles Final and Men's Senior Doubles Final.

Admission to all the semi-final matches will be \$1.20 (including tax) and to the finals \$2.40 (including tax).

It is hoped that the following will be willing to umpire the semi-final matches:

May 7, M. A. Oliveira, J. L. Anderson, W. Gilles and S. A. Gray.

May 24, D. Kwok, A. L. Fisher, and F. H. Kwok.

May 25, M. A. Oliveira, S. A. Gray and J. J. Remedios.

COLONY CHESS

Draw For Reserve Tournament

A meeting of the Colony Open Chess Championship Committee held yesterday evening passed a motion recommending to next year's committee that the Colony Reserve Tournament, to be started early next month, serve as a qualifying tournament for next year's Open Championship final.

The meeting decided that it would make no specific recommendation regarding the number of players to qualify for the tourney for next year's Open final. It was also decided, after lengthy deliberation, that the Reserve Tournament be a single-round affair.

A surprise last-minute entry was the Colony's Grand Old Man of Chess, D. E. de Carvalho, a leading player locally and in Manila since the turn of the century and on many occasions Colony Champion, the last time he won the title being on 1939.

His entry is the fifth senior one in the Reserve Tournament, which now includes three of the six players who contested the Colony Championship last time it was played in 1941. It will be his first post-war tournament appearance and he will start equal favourite with Karpovich, Weiss and Dounaef.

ALL IN FUN

Though far off his best days, he can yet give anyone a strong game but his preference for the Reserve Tourney comes of the fact that he is in more for the fun of the Tournament than for a desire to win.

The players were drawn yesterday in the following order: V. N. Dounaef, D. E. de Carvalho, S. Shave, J. V. Tausz, R. Segalen, V. V. Kolachoff, Karel Weiss, Arthur Gomes, A. Biriukoff, R. W. Carter, L. Karpovich, A. Archangelsky and Jacob Ramler.

Pairings for the earlier rounds will be:

Tuesday, May 4

Dounaef v. Carvalho, Ramler v. Shave, Archangelsky v. Tausz, Carter v. Kolachoff, Biriukoff v. Weiss, Karpovich v. Segalen, Gomes, bye.

Tuesday, May 11

Shave v. Dounaef, Tausz v. Ramler, Segalen v. Archangelsky, Kolachoff v. Karpovich, Weiss v. Carter, Gomes v. Biriukoff, Carvalho, bye.

Tuesday, May 18

Dounaef v. Tausz, Carvalho v. Shave, Ramler v. Segalen, Archangelsky v. Kolachoff, Karpovich v. Weiss, Carter v. Gomes, Biriukoff, bye.

Tuesday, May 25

Segalen v. Dounaef, Tausz v. Carvalho, Kolachoff v. Ramler, Weiss v. Archangelsky, Gomes v. Karpovich, Biriukoff v. Carter, Shave, bye.

COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

The adjourned game from the first round of the Colony Open Chess Championship final between Ray Danenberg and J. P. de Carvalho has ended in a draw being agreed upon. The game was a Queen's Gambit Declined, Carvalho playing the Nimzo-Indian Defence.

Standings after one round are: L. Schure 1; Ray Danenberg, J. P. de Carvalho, F. X. Sequiera and P. K. Prokopov ½ each, K. M. A. Barnett 0.

Thursday's second round game will be: Sequiera v. Danenberg, Barnett v. Carvalho, and Schure v. Prokopov.

KERES CONCEDES GAME

Moscow, Apr. 26.—Paul Keres of Russia retained second place in the world chess tournament today although he conceded the match he started on Sunday with Vassily Smyslov, also of Russia.

Keres was so certain of defeat he refused to resume the adjourned game. Mikhail Botvinnik, a third Russian, continued in the lead with 9½ points, followed in order by Keres 7½, Smyslov 7, Samuel Reshevsky of New York 6½ and Dr. Max Euwe 5½.—Associated Press.



DAVIS CUP

Poles Will Not Play In Turin

Warsaw, Apr. 26.—Poland appeared definitely out of the Davis Cup Tennis tournament today.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that a final message was sent to Rome stating that the Italians played the matches in Warsaw. He said that the Italians had not replied.

Poland and Italy had been due to start the first round competition in the European Zone on April 13 at Turin.

But the Poles claimed that the match must be played in Warsaw since Poland previously had thrice played Davis Cup matches abroad.

The Ministry spokesman said if the Italians would not come here the matches were off.—Associated Press.

BERNARD TAKES FINAL

Paris, Apr. 26.—Marcel Bernard of France defeated Henri Cochet, his fellow countryman, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 in the finals on Sunday of the Paris International tennis tournament.

The woman's crown was won by Nelly Landry of France, who defeated another Frenchwoman, Marie Seghers, 3-6, 8-6, 6-2.—Associated Press.

BOURNEMOUTH TOURNAY

Bournemouth, England, Apr. 26.—South African tennis ace, Eric Sturges, making a flashy start to regain his British hard court championship, today routed Len King of Britain, 6-2, 6-0, 6-0 in the first round.

Jean Curry, British Wightman cup team member and favourite to win the women's singles, beat Miss V. S. White, 6-0, 8-6.

A. Remy, of France, beat J. W. Spence, of Britain 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Geoff Palsb, British Davis cup doubles player eliminated Sumant Marn, Indian Davis cup team member 6-4, 6-0, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.—Associated Press.

British Widow Sues US Vice-Consul For Breach Of Promise

London, Apr. 26.—A pretty Englishwoman suing US Vice-Consul Ernest Griffin for breach of promise, denied in court today that she offered him premarital relations.

Griffin told the jury she did so in such bold terms that "I could not think what it was all about or what to do."

Mrs Imelda Price, 40-year-old widow of an RAF bomber pilot, contends Griffin ended their betrothal by mail last September 19, only a day after telling her he was looking for a bride.

Griffin's lawyer asked her whether it was true that she went to the Vice-Consul's apartment with him last September 14, undressed, got into bed naked and asked him to join her.

Price replied that she only removed her dress and went to sleep for a couple of hours while Griffin "sat down at his desk and wrote letters."

"Did you also say that all Americans liked to sleep with the women before marrying them and did Griffin reply 'Well, here is one who does not'?" the lawyer asked. Price denied it.

MAN'S VERSION

Griffin, aged 39, followed her to the witness box. He gave this account of the September incident.

"We arrived at about 3 p.m. I remember her exact words because they struck me so deeply and

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary,
Hongkong, 6th April, 1948.

NOTICE

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Notice To Shareholders

Ordinary Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed, from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary,
Hongkong, 6th April, 1948.



PRESIDENT QUIRINO TACKLES BIG TASK

Manila, Apr. 26.—President Quirino will today begin to tackle in earnest the enormous and difficult problems facing him as Chief Executive of the Republic.

These included:

- (1) The maintenance of peace and order in several trouble areas, notably in Central Luzon.
- (2) The broadening of the Government base by cutting across party lines so that the best talent of the country may be utilized to help him "pilot the ship of State on an even keel."
- (3) The appointment of a technical committee to govern the legislative programme.
- (4) Slowing down the pace of the projected industrial programme of the Republic in order not to wrench the country away from its basic agricultural economy.—Reuter.

MURDER CONVICTION UPHOLD

London, Apr. 26.—A high court of appeal today upheld the murder conviction of ship steward James Camb for the high seas death of London actress Eileen Gay Gibson.

Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, said that the unexplained disappearance of the girl's black pyjamas weighed heavily against the defence.

Camb claimed that the 21-year-old girl died of natural causes after a willing love tryst with him in her cabin. He said she was clad only in a dressing gown when he pushed her body through a port hole of the liner "Durban" Castle into the sea. The girl was last seen in the ship's lifeboat on October 18.

Goddard said that if the pyjamas were on the girl's body when it went overboard it was an indication that Camb's story of the love scene was not true.

The 31-year-old Glasgow sailor was convicted and sentenced to hang on March 22.—Associated Press.

Wheat Agreement May Be Rejected

Washington, Apr. 26.—The United States may reject the five-year wheat agreement concluded by the 36 nations here last month, observers here said today.

The agreement will go to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week for ratification.

The agreement fixed the maximum and minimum prices for all wheat exported by the United States, Canada and Australia. Critics here contend that the agreement is unrealistic because of the fluctuating condition of wheat and because neither Argentina nor Russia, two major exporters, are parties to it.—Reuter.

Chiang Makes An Appeal To Li Tsung-Jen

Nanking, Apr. 26.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek tonight personally urged the disgruntled General Li Tsung-Jen to get back into the muddled race for China's Vice Presidency, and Li's supporters later said he might comply. The two conferred at length shortly after Li had told a dinner meeting of his supporters, "I am through and heartbroken."

Amid mutual recriminations and charges of political sharpshooting, Li and the other two candidates, Sun Fo and General Cheng Chien, withdrew their candidacies on Sunday.

Chiang immediately put pressure on them to reconsider. Sun and Cheng told separate meetings of their supporters tonight that they would not resume active campaigning but would accept election.

UN To Take Action To Protect Jerusalem

Lake Success, Apr. 26.—The United Nations Assembly voted 46 to 0 today to take immediate action to protect Jerusalem. The ballot was taken in an emergency sitting of the Assembly.

The Assembly acted shortly after the Political Committee accepted the plan by 44 votes to 3.

In that committee, Russia, the Ukraine and White Russia voted against the plan on the grounds that the Assembly itself should institute the measures. Russia abstained in the Assembly vote.

Concern for Jerusalem's people and relief deepened at Lake Success on the basis of despatches from Palestine reporting a possible major battle for the Holy Land.

Disagreement developed in the Political Committee over which United Nations organ should handle the problem.

M. Andrei Gromyko, Russia, opposed passing the issue to the Trusteeship Council saying that he favoured turning it over to an Assembly sub-committee. Foris El Khoury, leading Arab delegate, told the Committee that he would accept the Jerusalem plan only if it was not linked to partition.

ASSEMBLY'S INSTRUCTIONS

The Assembly after meeting for five minutes approved a French-Swedish request calling on the Trusteeship Council to prepare plans immediately to safeguard the Holy Land and its inhabitants.

The Assembly instructed the Trusteeship Council to prepare suitable protective measures for Jerusalem in consultation with the British, Jews and Arabs.

It asked that the Council proposals be submitted to the Assembly "within the shortest possible time."

Mr Francis Sayre, United States, President of the Trusteeship Council, said the Council would meet on Tuesday morning.

After a brief plenary session the debate on Palestine was resumed in the Political Committee.—Associated Press.

FRANCE ACTS

Lake Success, Apr. 26.—France is reported sponsoring the creation of a heavily armed volunteer United Nations elite police corps to safeguard Jerusalem. The proposal is said to have tentative approval of Jews and Arabs as well as a number of delegates.

The 500 to 800 man force, as suggested by France might include at least 100 New York police volunteers, but no Russians if the Western powers could exclude them.

Others could be drawn from London bobbies, British Palestine forces, French mobile guards, and trained police from other countries around the globe.

Fifty Palestine policemen have notified the United Nations they would join such a force. Observers speculated that any Russian volunteers might be kept off the proposed force through a screening process that would weed out undesirable on a basis of individual qualifications. The United States and other nations have been reported anxious to keep Russian troops out of any international force sent to Palestine.

PROBABLE EQUIPMENT

The UN police would be equipped with tanks, armoured cars and the latest small arms for their task under the French plan.

The proposal was said to be ready for action by the UN Trusteeship Council on Tuesday morning.

The second Special UN Assembly on Palestine formally directed the Trusteeship Council today to consider promptly what can be done to safeguard the Holy Place of Jerusalem.

As the Assembly stepped up its pace on the Palestine problem, reports from Palestine said a major battle for Jerusalem appeared to be shaping up.

Delegate after delegate warned that the Assembly must act to save Jerusalem at least.

Assembly delegates noted with interest reports from London that Britain will not consider helping police Palestine for the UN until Jews and Arabs agree to stop fighting.—Associated Press.

Brutal Nazi Woman To Hang

Hamburg, Apr. 26.—A German SS wardress, 28-year-old Ruth Clausius was sentenced to death here today for sending over 3,000 Allied women to their death in a gas chamber at Ravensbrueck women's concentration camp.

One of her assistants Margarethe Rabe, 25, received a life sentence on the same charges.

A third SS woman, Friede Mohr, 26, who is pregnant, fainted on hearing her sentence of ten years imprisonment. She had been found guilty of ill-treating women internees but innocent of selecting victims for the gas chamber.—Associated Press.

It had been an all women trial. The five defendants (two were acquitted) were women. Clausius and Rabe selected an estimated 3,000 women to die naked, crushed shoulder to shoulder with men in a gas chamber.

The scene of what the prosecution called the brutal cruelty of the three accused was the largest and most inhuman women's prison in history.

All the witnesses, except one, at the trial were women, some of the few who survived.—Associated Press.

No Law To Ban Colour Bar

London, Apr. 26.—Sir Frank Soskice, who, as Solicitor General, is one of the Government's legal experts, told a questioner in the House of Commons today that legislation was "not necessarily the most effective way" to deal with cases of alleged discrimination against coloured people.

A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Reginald Sorensen, asked whether, in view of the many instances of coloured people being refused the tenancy of flats and houses in London, he would make refusal on the basis of colour or race illegal.

Saying he strongly deprecated such racial discrimination, Sir Frank added: "I will gladly consider your suggestion. But I fear that there may be considerable difficulty in achieving by legislation the prevention of this very deplorable behaviour."—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Carlton, Elre, Apr. 26.—The Right Reverend Monsignor Henry Beneham, principal Catholic chaplain and vicar-general of the Royal Air Force, died at his home at Carlton today after a brief illness. He was 64 and had been a chaplain to the forces for 32 years.—Associated Press.

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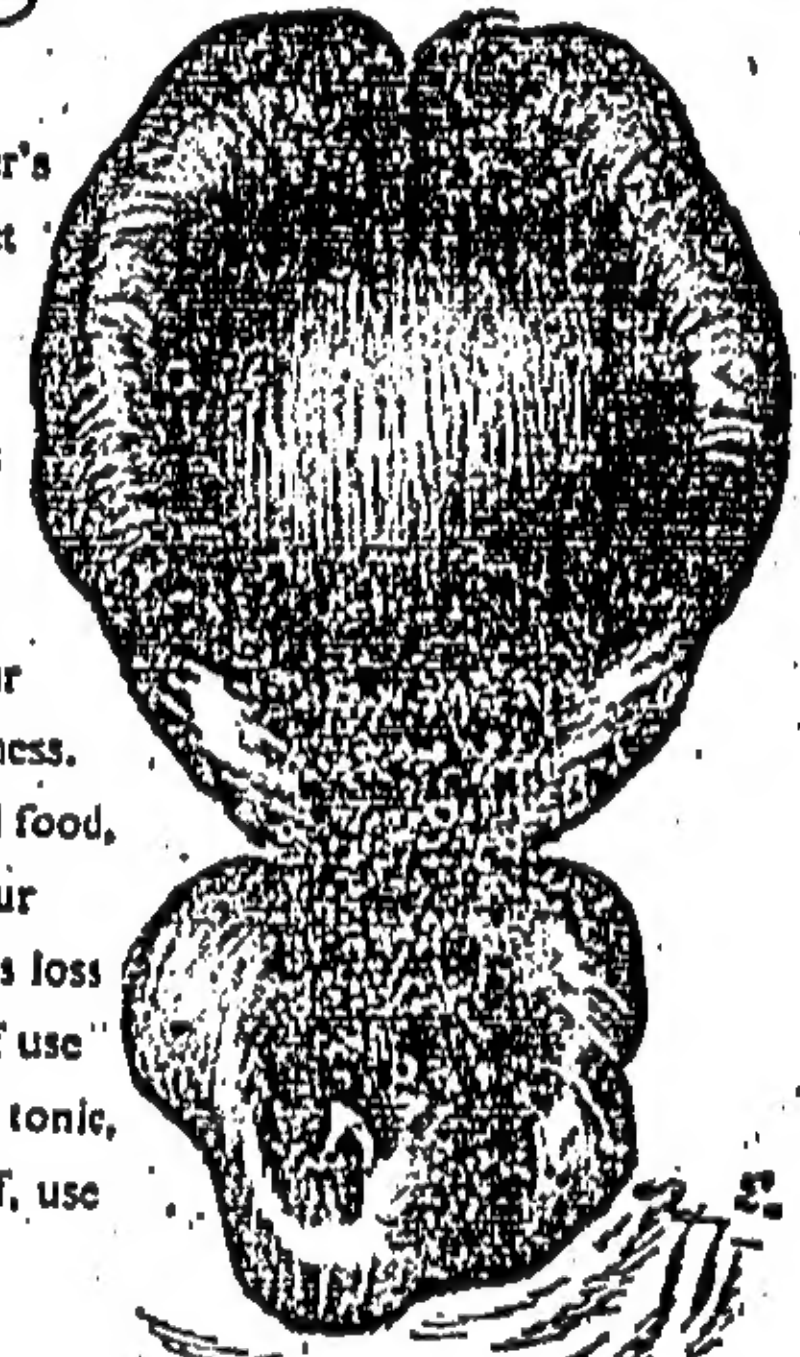
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